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MY UNLUCKY ASTRALIZATION.

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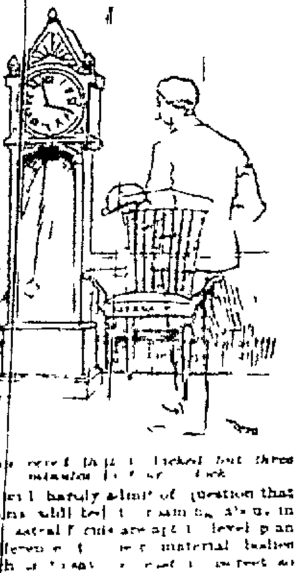


[illegible] lacked but three minutes to four o'clock.

It will hardly admit of question that persons while [illegible] astral bodies are apt to [illegible] indifferent [illegible] material bodies which [illegible] as a definite purpose [illegible] abandonment is not uncertain. [illegible] fathers who with rare exceptions were ignorant of how to get out of their bodies and return to them at will [illegible] of their flesh, but that is no reason why we should think too little.

This material body certainly has its uses and deserves sufficient consideration to insure its safety, if no more. Yet thousands of happy-go-lucky folk when about to astralize themselves for an evening's amusement drop their bodies anywhere with hardly more care for their comfort and security than would be bestowed upon a discarded coat, and go off feeling quite confident of finding them all right and fit to put on again when required. But there is really a good deal of risk in doing so, and I have had very vividly impressed upon me by a keen [illegible] experience. Astralization is so easy that one [illegible] beguiled into thinking it safe [illegible] the fact [illegible] very careful it is a [illegible] question of [illegible] leave your body [illegible] again. You [illegible] in the little [illegible] take to slip out and [illegible] with [illegible].

One specially disagreeable evening in the winter last I boarded at Pittsburg on the Pennsylvania railroad the fast line "number four" train from the west, leaving there [illegible] after eight, intending to reach Baltimore the next morning, spend the day in that city and the next night return to my home in New York. To my disgust I found every berth in the Baltimore sleeper engaged, but argument backed by financial influence obtained for me a "double lower" in the sleeping car next it, which had come from Chicago and was going on to New York. I would have to turn out at Harrisburg at three a. m. to transfer myself to the Baltimore section of the train which divided there, but even that arrangement would give me about five hours of rest, which was certainly better than sitting up all the night. The porter pledged himself—for a consideration—to call me in good time to dress. Par[illegible] going into all these details [illegible] they had a rather important bearing on subsequent events.

The atmosphere in that car was almost pestilential. It had been crowded all day, its stove worked perfectly and its ventilating apparatus not at all. Bleak wind and fierce driving rain had prohibited the opening of windows, so the air was thick with hot humidity and the animal smells of humanity. While the porter was making up my bed I found the dense smoke in the smoking compartment a temporary relief. But when I crawled into my double lower the stench became unbearable. With the curtains dropped before me I felt as if in my coffin and seemed to be inhaling the combined odors of a stable, a hospital and a charnel house. And even above the roaring rumble of the train I could hear from the section opposite me a snore simulating a stentorian death rattle, which was simply maddening. Sleep under such conditions was manifestly impossible!

Realizing this I said to myself: "Why not astralize? It is my body only which requires rest. Very well, let it rest. When I am out it will not be conscious of either the snore or the smells and I shall be free to seek purer air and pleasanter surroundings somewhere else on the train. Even the roof of the car will be an improvement, since the weather can have no effect upon my astral form."

That I never had astralized on a railroad train seemed rather an incitement to try than an argument against it. Scarcely had the notion flashed into my mind when I straightened myself out on my right side, changed my rate of breathing and fixed my mind all in the ordinary way. My last thought in the body as I composed myself was, "I shall have to get back before we reach Harrisburg." The next minute I stood in the aisle, free, conscious still of my unpleasant environment but indifferent to it in the superb exhilaration always felt by the astral man as his first sensation of liberty and power upon escaping from the body.

A natural curiosity as to the producer of that awful snore impelled me to peep behind the curtains it caused to tremble and wave. To my amazement the offender proved to be a pretty young girl. She lay upon the flat of her little back with her mouth wide open, and from that portal of coral and pearl puffed, gurgled and snorted with the unholy vigor of a hired man. I felt that it was not good for a bachelor to know such a capability existent in woman and fled in haste.

Few persons were still awake other than the train hands in either of the cars, but in the smoking compartment I found two who interested me. They were stout, well dressed, prosperous looking men, one with indecision and mental struggle manifest in his face, the other wearing a look of determined and confident insistence. As I, invisible, took a seat before them, the former was saying:

"I don't mind admitting to you, just between ourselves, I would like to, but I don't know how I can, seeing the flat-footed way I have already committed myself against that bill. Why, I not only opposed it on the floor, but fought it before the committee; and now to go for it would give me dead away. Everybody would know I had 'got a bone' and it would ruin my chances for re-election among the farmers."

"My dear sir," replied his companion, "I don't ask you to vote for it. Simply cease your opposition and when it comes up for action have an attack of la grippe and remain in your room at the hotel until the next day. That is simple enough, and you know when I promise I make good every time."

"Yes," assented the first speaker dubiously, "but suppose there should ever be an investigation. If they got me under oath my conscience would not let me deny the consideration, nor could you—without perjury."

"Oh, dear yes. The easiest thing in the world. See here is an odd bean, an African bean. I am tired of carrying it in my pocket. I shall abandon it on this seat when I go away. Of course I will not know what becomes of it. Yet there are curiosity seekers who would give a good deal to get hold of that particular sort of bean for their cabinets. I wouldn't at all wonder if some one would give two thousand dollars for that bean in Albany tomorrow night."

The man with prudential scruples looked puzzled for a moment. Then a light of comprehension dawned upon his face and deepened gradually to a shrewd grin. "I feel certain I shall have an attack of the grip," he said.

The two smiled together and went away to their respective berths, the man with the bean carelessly throwing it on the seat as he passed out. In a few seconds one returned for a glass of water at the cooler before retiring, and cautiously clutched and pocketed the bean; then the other also returned for a drink, looked at the seat from which the bean was gone and grinned complacently.

I [illegible] my ramble through the train, but [illegible] thing [illegible] interest me, and [illegible] incidents of the experience [illegible] really unpleasant [illegible] were even accentuated [illegible] their presentation [illegible] my mind [illegible] and [illegible] deductions from possibly illusory sensory impressions [illegible] my readers familiar with the phenomena of astralization will perfectly comprehend.

But I said to myself, "why should I loiter about these crawling cars, when every one who could do so is trying to forget his wretchedness in sleep, when I might with the swiftness of thought transport myself anywhere else I chose? Why not go out to New York and see Marian?"

For the first time the idea occurred to me that there might be some special danger in astralization on a moving train—something might happen to my body while I was away. I flitted back and looked at it. Of course it was just as I had left it. Doubt [illegible] about it weakened the self confidence which, as everybody knows, is so essential to any one moving safely as a visitor upon the astral plane, and I was not at all surprised to see about me instantly a number of malicious sprites and even a few malignant elementals eager to take advantage of my deteriorated strength. But the sight of them revived my resolution, or at least I so fancied at the time, though now I know the effect was simply a stimulation of my [illegible] rehabilitation of my moral force. Hesitating no longer, I transferred myself to New York to Marian's parlor, where I [illegible] finding her, as the hour was not yet late. I may incidentally remark that an engagement of marriage existed between Marian and myself, a fact which did not prepare me to anticipate the scene which presented itself to my astonished gaze.

It would have seemed quite natural to me to have found her contemplating my portrait, perhaps reading my last letter and wishing for my [illegible] speedy return [illegible] her side. But that was not at all what I saw. She sat by the piano as if she had just been playing. Instead of my [illegible] her attention [illegible] was the [illegible] gentleman, a stranger to me, who [illegible] her murmuring [illegible] in her ear. [illegible] and in doing so actually had the audacity to kiss her. And she, saying "good night," returned the salute.

In all my astral experience I have never so much missed [illegible] solid material right leg and foot as when I saw that fellow going [illegible] down her stoop to the pavement. Of course I did not haunt about Marian any more. I was [illegible] with her. Disgusted and mad all the way through, I went around to my club for [illegible] the moment [illegible] thing—glass of wine. But the fact was soon enough borne in upon me I could do nothing but look at the other fellows and listen to them, and it is just plain truth and not slang when I say they made me tired. Nothing diverted my painful reflections, for I had been very fond of Marian and that loss very hurt me more than I can adequately tell.

It is strange that a man suffering from a grief caused by one woman should almost always seek consolation in the presence of some other woman, but such is the fact. Having been so deeply wounded by the girl I loved I instinctively sought one whose tender love and perfect faith while life lasted I could never question, the one whose dear face was the first my infancy knew. How the placid charm of the familiar scene touched my heart as I moved slowly down through the orchard to the old homestead!

Mother slept, but as I stood by her bedside a kindly smile suffused her aged countenance, as if her spirit was aware of my presence and gave me kindly greeting. How long I remained gazing upon the wrinkles I am glad to think were furrowed more by smiles than tears, and the band of silvery hair framing them at the frilled edge of her snowy nightcap, I cannot say, but long enough for the influence of calm and peace and purity pervading there to sink into and strengthen my soul. Suddenly I happened to wonder what time it was.

It is really one of the most annoying things in these astral experiences—as I am sure will be generally admitted—that we have in this form no innate feeling of the lapse of time or limitations of space. We lack standards of comparison. I don't clearly see how this can be remedied, but it ought to be somehow. Moving to great distances by a mere effort of volition, miles are absolutely meaningless to our astral consciences, and as for time every one knows that if we could not catch sight of a dial or draw deductions from things on the material plane we would not know any difference between the lapse of ten minutes and a week. Clearly the most needed invention of the age is some good reliable sort of astral watch. When the idea of time occurred to me I had to go down into the sitting room for a look at the face of the old tall clock that has ticked generations of my family into and out of life.

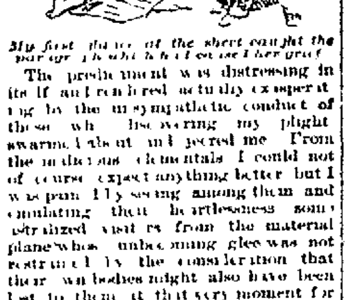
To my horror I discovered that it lacked but three minutes to four o'clock! And that train was divided at Harrisburg nearly an hour before. For one moment a vague sense of alarm seemed to paralyze me. Then I darted to Harrisburg.

Yes, the mischief had been done. The train had come, split and gone away again, two-thirds of it toward Philadelphia, one-third toward Baltimore. Which had carried off my body?

If the car porter had as much sense as a hen, I reasoned, his line of duty would be plain to him. My purchase of a ticket obligated the company represented by him to transport my body from Pittsburg to Baltimore. It was no concern of his that I had chosen to absent myself during the carrying out of that contract. His business simply was to slide my unconscious corporeality aboard the Baltimore train, and in good confidence of his having done so I hurried in pursuit of it. But to my serious displeasure I found the fellow had not done what I counted upon. I searched all the cars through and through, inspecting carefully all the bodies they contained, and mine was not among them.

Of course I felt annoyed, still there was some satisfaction in knowing there was but one other alternative action the fellow could have taken. Finding it impossible to wake my body up, he had just let it lie, trusting I would have my sleep out by the time the train reached Philadelphia or perhaps New York. Somewhere between Conowago and Mount Joy I overtook the main train and ransacked it in vain. The "double lower" I had occupied was empty. The snoring girl still thrilled the echoes, the familiar smells were all there yet, and the porter who had sworn to take care of me sat asleep in the smoking compartment with his head thrown back and his mouth open, looking like a gash in a black watermelon. But what had he done with my body? How I longed to kick him awake and demand that of him! But for all practical purposes I was of no more good without my missing corporeality than a thought which has not yet occurred to anybody. The hideous fact forced itself squarely upon my acceptance. I had lost my body.

CHAPTER II.



My first glance at the sheet caught the paragraph which had no doubt caused her grief.

The predicament was distressing in itself and rendered actually exasperating by the unsympathetic conduct of those who [illegible] my plight, swarming about and jeering me. From the malicious elementals I could not of course expect anything better, but I was pained by seeing among them and emulating their heartlessness some astralized visitors from the material plane, whose unbecoming glee was not restrained by the consideration that their own bodies might also have been lost to them at that very moment for aught they knew to the contrary. I have not deemed it necessary in the course of this narration to make any particular mention of the dwellers on the astral plane or of the temporarily astralized persons like myself whom I encountered there, as my experiences were simply those every one has, with the exception of this incident and one other to which I shall have occasion to revert farther on. But I cannot let pass without reprehension the behavior of the astralized persons who clustered around me on the train that morning and declared they found my unhappy situation funny.

With a vague idea that I might find my body among the unclaimed baggage or in the waiting room at the Harrisburg depot, I eluded my tormentors and flitted back there, only to suffer another disappointment. It was nowhere to be seen. The last passenger train for the night had gone by, the depot was dark and the only person on the platform was a watchman. I hoped some one would come and open a conversation with him, in the course of which I might casually find a clue to what had been done with my body, for of course he would be very likely to know. But the only persons who came were brakemen on the top of moving freight trains, who simply shouted "Hey, Jim!" and playfully shied chunks of coal at him, social advances to which he responded by such ejaculations, profane or otherwise, as the occasions seemed specifically to demand.

An inexplicable fascination tempted me to follow and haunt the car in which I had last seen my body, which I sought to excuse to myself by a hope the porter might when he waked say something in my presence about it. So he did. In the Jersey City depot, while the passengers were leaving the train and he was gathering up the soiled linen, he suddenly stopped, threw open a window and beckoned to him a dingy platform sweeper.

"Lijah!" he exclaimed hurriedly, with an air of suppressed excitement and mystery. "Go [illegible] the death gig. Play it for all you's worf."

"Man or woman?"

"Man. Died on the train dis mawnin'."

"M m."

That was all. They resumed their duties. My supposed demise was to them simply an inspiration for a "policy" play. I don't know when any little thing ever depressed me more. So I was deemed dead! Strange that some one had not sense enough to discover the fact of my having simply strolled away in my astral form! I would have imagined that so common and natural a thing could not have failed to be at least suspected by almost anybody.

Pondering upon the unpleasant consequences to me which might ensue if there were not a timely correction of that misunderstanding, I strolled absentmindedly with the passengers through the depot and aboard the ferryboat. Moving in this way I sometimes temporarily forget that I am not in my body until some incident recalls me to recognition of the fact. It is perhaps hardly worth speaking of, being such a common experience in our astral interludes, but I always find it vexatious and irritating to have persons walk through me. And it happens so often. Of course it is easy enough to dodge those you meet, and if you sail along over their heads you have no trouble, but moving in a crowd on its level you are almost certain to find some one mistaking you for empty space come plunging through you from behind or lurching into you sidewise in your unguarded moments.

Both those things occurred to me that unlucky morning. A fat German woman, with a huge market basket on her arm, almost wrecked me, and I had scarcely got my disarranged parts collected and in place again when, in going off the boat, a pretty, delicate looking young girl was jammed right into the space I occupied. Her sensitive nervous organization evidently felt my presence, though she was unaware of the cause of her sensation, for she shivered and whispered to a companion:

"Oh, Jennie, I've got gooseflesh 'all over me!' I believe I'm catching cold."

That incident, I think, hurt me worse than the other. It is distinctly unpleasing to be shivered at by a pretty girl and spoken of as giving her gooseflesh. I was sure I would not have affected her so if I had had my body on at the time—a reflection which would have been consoling but for the doubt it awakened if I would ever again possess that anxiously desired materiality.

The day thus badly begun was destined to like continuance. I was in no proper mental condition for the astral plane. My perturbed thoughts, full of concern about my loss, unfitted me for the calm self control I should have had and made me subject to all manner of vicious illusions and painful impressions, artfully produced by the malicious sprites constantly besetting me.

Late in the afternoon, weary of aimless wandering about the town, I violated a resolution I had firmly formed the night before, which was that I would never look upon Marian's face again. It seems as if there were a sort of fatality against a man's keeping the resolutions he makes concerning women. Doubtless if I had gone slowly to her house, as my body would have had to, memory and reflection would have braced up resolution and turned my steps aside, even from her door, to the club; but having only to think of any place in order to be there if I wished it, I was actually in her parlor before I had time to remember I had abjured her.

She was lying upon a sofa with her face in its cushions, crying bitterly, and an evening newspaper dropped from her hand lay upon the floor. My first glance at the sheet caught the paragraph which had no doubt caused her grief. It was this:

HARRISBURG, Dec 22. In a sleeping car berth on the Chicago train arriving here at three a. m. a passenger was found dead. Papers in his pockets enabled his identification as John Bertley of New York. He was apparently well when he boarded the train at Pittsburg. Death is ascribed to heart failure. His body is held to await claim by friends.

"May the blessing of the unlucky light on the writer of that item!" I said to myself. "Why could not the wretch have said where my body is held to await the claim of its best friend?" I wondered if it was being held "on ice," having slowly frozen out the little spark of life I had left in it. If some sapient country doctor, to make an imposing spectacle of himself before a coroner's jury, would not want to cut it open and take a look at the heart to be sure it had failed. Either was quite possible. Clearly I had no time to lose if I was ever to get that body back in reasonably serviceable condition. But to find where it was held was the first thing. Perhaps some other evening paper had fuller particulars.

I was really sorry to have to leave Marian in such bad spirits, notwithstanding her blamable behavior the night before, but could not [illegible] cost by staying. "I mentally forgive [illegible]," I was [illegible] through it. I did try to [illegible] how [illegible] differed in some important particulars from those presented in the newspaper, but I had no more [illegible] than a mummy.

As I have learned by bitter experience, an astralized person suffers under enormous disadvantages in trying to read the news. Having no material hands with which to open and turn the papers, he has to depend upon those who have, peering over their shoulders or rushing down before them to get sight at the under side, and in all sorts of undignified attitudes and inconvenient ways adapting himself to their perverse methods of handling the sheets. It is simply maddening to wait while a fellow wades slowly through a long labored editorial on the tariff or increases the muddiness of his brain by perusal of the baseball column, and then, just at the moment when you think he is about to turn to the next page, see him fold the paper and put it in his pocket. Eventually I gave up in despair that way of finding out what had become of my body.

Then a happy thought occurred to me. My friend X, I reflected, is one who can be depended upon, if he has seen that item, to take prompt and energetic measures. Most probably he is already preparing to set out and hunt up my remains. If so all I shall have to do will be to go along until I help him to find where they are, then skip in ahead and take possession and be ready to welcome him when he arrives.

I found him in his room dressing and thinking about a bad practice to which he is much addicted, which seriously troubled. The paragraph I had already read lay on a stand beside him, clipped from the paper.

"I'm awfully sorry for the poor fellow," I heard him mutter. "Of course I am. But his dying just at this particular time is all sorts of a nuisance. I can't go corpse hunting tonight—even for him. Alicia would never forgive me if I did not take her to the opera—only time it's to be given in the season. And a day more or less won't matter to him now. They no doubt have him nicely iced somewhere. Seems to me I've heard they [illegible] bodies to the medical colleges. But they would hardly do that right away. Even if they did I could get him back and have him fixed up most likely. Decidedly tomorrow will be time enough. I'll see the item in some morning paper, wire over to the railroad authorities—of course have all the facts reported to them—and find out where he is going and [illegible] him. Tonight belongs to Alicia. I have heard nothing about John." And he deliberately put the clipping in the fire and went on getting himself into full dress.

I was, to put it mildly, disappointed. Still I could not blame him, and he had given me a good idea—[illegible] that I had been not to have thought of it for myself long ago! Of course there would be, somewhere in the company's offices over in Jersey City, an official report of the incident, and there I might have the luck to find it. Anyway, I could go and try a good deal quicker than X could telegraph, even if he had been willing to do so that night. So I did, and for once fortune favored me. The conductor of fast line, number four, had duly reported the finding of a dead man on his train, and the division superintendent, probably with an eye to having the data handy for reference in case of inquiry by friends of the deceased, had hung the statement, open, upon a hook beside his desk, where I found it. From it I learned that my body had been "taken in charge by Undertaker J B Jablet, of Harrisburg."

What more did I want? Nothing. Happier, I believe, than I ever was before, I darted at once to Harrisburg.

It was easy enough to find and enter Mr. Jablet's establishment, which was quite conspicuous, and there, sure enough, I found my body. It had been unclothed and stretched out on a board in a sort of cold storage room, like a big refrigerator, but happily not in contact with ice. Life, though weak, was still in it.

But I had not arrived a moment too soon. Another astralized man, who confessed he had lost his own body years before, was already there, seeking to appropriate mine. He was just about trying it on when I came and stopped him. I saw at a glance it would not fit him, as he, too, could have seen, if he had not been so madly desirous of obtaining a material shell that he was quite desperate. Indeed he would almost have rattled around in it, and could not have controlled it at all, for he was but a little whiffet of a fellow, while I am of the goodly size a man should be. So I "bounced him," morally speaking, sympathetically but firmly, and was just about taking up my old quarters when I was interrupted.

The door opened suddenly and the undertaker came in, accompanied by his son. I waited to see what they were after. Mr Jablet's look did not please me. He was a muscular fellow, short but strong, with a broad, square lower jaw and a sloping forehead which spread away gradually in a wide bald area of skull fringed at the back with short red hair. Altogether he seemed an ugly person to argue with, and I judged he had been drinking.

"They don't get this stiff away from me," he was saying to his son as they entered, "until they put up handsome. Business is bad and he comes along as a windfall. He has, judging from what was found on him, friends who are well fixed and I mean to work them."

I felt that Jablet, if he thought me reviving, might be quite capable of knocking me on the head to prevent what he counted upon as a fat job slipping through his fingers.

"Oh, there ain't much in it," replied the son indifferently, "not more than forty or fifty dollars, and do the best you can with it."

"Ain't, eh? You're not smart, Dan'l. You don't know the business yet. I'm going to give you a pointer you'll find of use some day, maybe. I'm a-going to embalm him."

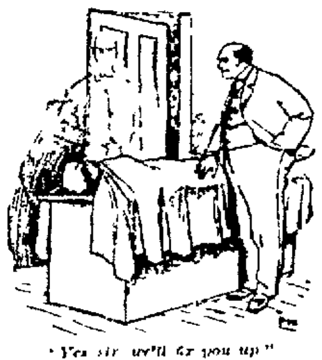
"Dad, you're a daisy. I didn't think of that."

"Course you didn't. But you ain't me. I'll load him up with eight shillings' worth of fluid and get seventy five dollars and the thanks of his friends for the job. Go an' get the fluid jug and we'll do him up now. His friends may come for him in the morning."

The son went out and the old fellow, standing by my body, slapped it on the leg with insolent familiarity, chuckling, "Yes sir, we'll fix you up. Fix you up to the queen's taste. Nothing like style for a corpse—when there's money to pay for it." I fairly boiled with rage, but what could I do? Were I to enter my body at once I would but precipitate my fate, for in the numb and stiff condition my muscles were certainly in I could not hope to whip those two sturdy rascals. Judge of my infinite relief, then, when I heard the son call out from another room at a little distance, "Dad, the jug's empty."

"Is that so?" responded the old man regretfully. "Well, then, we will let it go tonight, but you must get up early in the morning, start the fire and make some more fluid. He will have to be fixed before the morning train gets in."

Father and son went out together, closing the door behind them. Presently I heard them lock the front door and go away. Then I immediately resumed my body. Words can convey no idea of how horribly cold it was. In my astral form I of course had no sensations of temperature, and the body, being without consciousness while I was away, had not suffered, but when it and I were joined our common suffering was intense. I seemed to have arctic winters in my veins, and was really afraid my fingers and toes would snap off like icicles when I attempted to use them.



"Yes sir, we'll fix you up."

Nevertheless I persisted in moving, crawled into the next room, where there was a red hot stove, and when pretty well thawed out made a systematic search for my clothes. Luckily I found them all, even to the overcoat, in a closet and soon dressed myself. The pockets were empty, but I did not mind that, for in the waistband of my trousers I had sewed a fifty dollar note, a precaution against "going broke" which I have not in years allowed myself to travel without. With this money I made my way back to New York on that night's "fast line number four"—having broken out of Mr Jablet's shop—and before ten o'clock the next day was walking up Broadway.

So ended the lesson of my unlucky astralization, and my story is done, except that I deem it due to Marian to declare explicitly she had not been guilty of any such impropriety as I seemed to witness. In fact, she not only had no visitor that evening, but was not even at home, having gone to spend the night at her sister's. The scene which appeared so shockingly real to me was simply an artful illusion, got up by a couple of waggish "elementals," who impersonated her and the total stranger with such skill as to completely deceive me. Their trick could not have been successful but for the perturbation of mind I was in at the time, but I am not now sorry it was played, for it will enhance my caution in accepting as real even the most plausible appearances on the astral plane.

THE END.

Traveling Stones.

The traveling stones in Nevada are said to equal as curiosities those of Australia. These stones are perfectly round, about as large as a walnut and of an ivory nature. When distributed about on the floor, table or any smooth surface within two or three feet of each other they immediately commence traveling toward each other and meet at a common center, and there lie huddled in a bunch like eggs in a nest. A single stone removed to a distance of four feet upon being released returns to the heap, but if taken away as much as five feet remains motionless. They are largely composed of magnetic iron ore.

Mince Pies and Wedding Anniversaries.

Miss Jane Strickland is good enough to tell us that it was formerly the custom in England for married people to keep the anniversaries of their wedding day, and on these occasions as many small mince pies were placed in one dish on the table as corresponded with the number of years that the husband and wife had enjoyed conjugal felicity. In families where olive branches were numerous this pleasant custom must have proved the sweetest of boons for the juveniles and their friends. We have grown too grand in these days for such modest mince pie anniversaries, which have been superseded by silver and sometimes by golden weddings.

Sweet Breath, sweet stomach, sweet temper, all result from the use of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

THE SPOTTED GIRAFFE.

A Little Lay About a Man Who Had All He Could Want in a General Way.

There once was a Chinese mandarin
Whose name was Li Wung Hai,
And all had he that a rich Chinee
Could want in a general way;
But because he had not a spotted giraffe,
So stately, tall and slim,
He said to his wife that really life
Had never a pleasure for him, for him,
Had never a pleasure for him!

Now the emperor heard the speech [illegible]
Of his favorite Li Wung Hai,
And round he sent [illegible]
A spotted giraffe one day.
The gift was rare, and the orders were
To the mandarin great that he
The royal beast must treat at least
As one of his family, family,
As one of his family.

THE GIRAFFE SO STATELY, TALL AND SLIM.

Li Wung replied, much gratified,
With reverence most profound,
His chest he thumped, his head he bumped
Full nine times on the ground!
But after a day or so, do you know,
He very much wished that he
Had declined to accept a spotted giraffe
As one of his family, family,
As one of his family.

There was nothing the creature wouldn't eat,
From a pumpkin down to a brick.
He ate, if you please, the tops of the trees
And the roof with a single lick!
And down his throat went the mandarin's coat,
His hat, a cane and a shoe,
And he never got back his pet bootjack,
For the spotted one ate that, too, ate that, too,
The spotted one ate that too!

He swallowed a bunk and a Chinese junk—
Such a hungry giraffe was he!
A Japanese fan and a watering can,
And a sack of the best green tea.
He nibbled the cherished pigtail off
From the head of the mandarin,
And after that ate the glass and the plate,
Including the soup tureen, soup tureen,
Including the soup tureen.

Now how to get rid of this tiresome pet
Was a puzzle to poor Wung Hai,
For the gift of a king is the sort of thing
One can't very well give away.
So Mr. Giraffe went on with his pranks
Until, as it happened one day,
He ate a French grammar, fell dead as a hammer!
And this is the end of my lay, of my lay,
And this is the end of my lay.

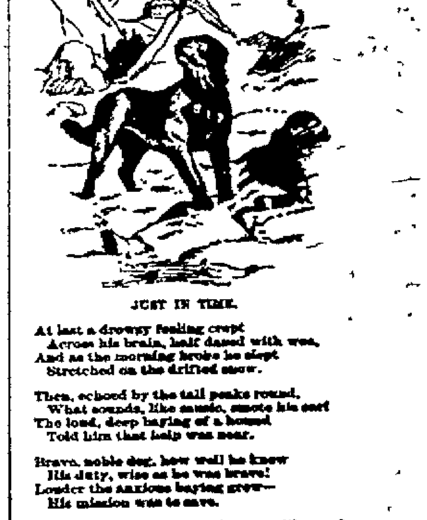
The Land of Eternal Frost.

For hundreds of miles inland from the Arctic ocean Siberia is covered with vast treeless plains called tundras. In summer they form one immense spongy bog, in which moss is the only growth. In winter they are deserts of snow, to which gale and tempest give the shape of waves. As the tundras are scarcely to be crossed either in winter or summer, this great tract of Russia in Asia is one of the most desolate regions on the earth. Moreover, here is the land of perpetual frost. Beneath the tundras bordering the river Lena, north of Yakutsk, there is a thick layer of frost which never disappears. In winter it begins at the surface of the ground; in summer it is found at a point twenty or thirty inches beneath the surface, and penetrates all the year round in many spots to a depth of several hundred feet.

Lost on the Alps.

In cold and darkness, long ago,
Where freezing mists hung damp and gray
On Alpine summits white with snow,
A traveler lost his way.

The faint moon had withdrawn her light;
No star was seen in all the sky;
Vainly for aid that awful night
He uttered cry on cry.



JUST IN TIME.

At last a drowsy feeling crept
Across his brain, half dazed with woe,
And as the morning broke he slept
Stretched on the drifted snow.

Then, echoed by the tall peaks round,
What sounds, like music, smote his ear!
The loud, deep baying of a hound
Told him that help was near.

Brave, noble dog, how well he knew
His duty, wise as he was brave!
Louder the anxious baying grew—
His mission was to save.

The good monks heard and came with speed,
The poor lost traveler to befriend,
And fed, warmed, sheltered in his need
His troubles found an end.

A Laboratory Device.

Most practical chemists are painfully aware of the unsightly appearance of reagent bottles, caused by the drops of the solutions running down the outside and crystallizing thereon. Popular Science News tells that this may be prevented by simply painting the rim with melted paraffin. Care should be taken to cover only the side of the lip—none should be put on the upper surface. This can be accomplished most easily by using a small hair brush and a wax of low melting point, such as is used for imbedding sections. It will be found that besides preventing the solution trickling down the outside it enables one to deliver the reagent easily in single drops without resorting to the plan of only partly withdrawing the stopper.

Mending Cast Iron.

A general impression prevails that when any cast iron object is broken it cannot be mended. A correspondent of the New York Tribune tells that a cement may be made which will hold the parts together perfectly. Take two ounces of sal ammoniac, one ounce of sublimed sulphur and one pound of cast iron filings. Mix in a mortar and keep the powder perfectly dry. When it is to be used mix it with twenty times its weight of clean iron filings. Grind the whole in a mortar, wet with water until it becomes a paste and apply to the parts to be mended. After a time it will become as strong and hard as any part of the metal.

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Smethport, Pa., Dec. 2, 1892.

REV. DR. JOHN W. SCOTT President Harrison's father-in-law, died in the White House on Tuesday last at 1 o'clock p. m. aged 93 years.

THE Butler *Citizen* says that the ballots for Butler county cost $670 00 The man who took the contract at that price must have lost money

TIDAL waves in Presidential years have occurred in 1832, 1852, 1872 and 1892. May we consider that this twenty-year law of periodicity is now firmly established? *St Louis Globe Democrat.*

HON H H NORTH tendered his resignation to Mayor Ward as City Solicitor of Bradford, on Tuesday of this week. The *Era* says that "Mr North during his term of office, has been a capable and energetic solicitor The city's interests have been carefully looked after and his successor will find the business of the city in good condition."

IT has been said a great many times and has become a somewhat trite but truthful saying that it is always safe to do what your opponents don't want you to do. The leading Democratic papers of this State are very decided in their opposition to Senator Quay's resolution. Isn't this a pretty good reason why Republicans should support him?

L. H COBB, Esq who ran for the Legislature in Potter county at the late election, on the Republican ticket died at his home in Coudersport on Monday of this week of typhoid fever Mr Cobb is said to have been one of the best citizens in that county yet he had to stand his share of vilification of the most outrageous character during the recent campaign.

BELOW we give the official returns of the 27th Congressional district as returned to the Congressional Conferees a few days since

	Stone Rep	Hancock Dem	[illegible] Pro	[illegible]
Warren	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Venango	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
McKean	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cameron	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Stone's plurality over Hancock 2098 majority over all, 181

A BAND of marauders recently daubed a red cross on the tombstone of every Union soldier's grave in the western part of Morgan and the eastern part of Hendricks counties in Iowa. Not a soldier's grave was missed and no other graves were touched The flags placed upon the graves by the Grand Army were also mutilated or stolen. The motive for this insult to Union soldiers can be readily guessed.—*Elmira Times*

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT [illegible] of Philadelphia was not a participant in the Democratic jollification in that city He is a rank free trader and as bitter a Democrat as breathes but having been elected to congress as the Republican nominee he probably thought it would not look well to join in the procession that night. The Republicans of the [illegible] district will have another one of their own number and they must feel pretty cheap over the result.

The official vote of Mississippi is Cleveland, 40,335 Weaver 10,256 Harrison, 1,[illegible] The total vote of the entire state of Mississippi was but 4,000 more than that cast by the people of Erie county N. Y. for their two whining candidates for Congress And yet Mississippi elects seven Representatives. The highest vote cast for any one representative in Mississippi was 1,[illegible]. That remarks the Buffalo Express, is the explanation of how the country "slipped" to a Democratic [illegible]

IT is said that the ground upon which Wm M. Andrews will contest the election of a Democratic Representative from Crawford county is that townships cannot hold their elections in adjacent boroughs. Mr Andrews was in Harrisburg when the law was passed which legalized just what he is now trying to set aside. His conduct in this matter is hard to understand. If he is not aware by this time that he is a "back number" some good friend ought to wash him on that point.

THE blackguardism which was a characteristic feature of the Democratic paper of this place during the recent canvass could not have but disgusted the intelligent members of that party, yet the manager of that sheet swells like a toad over the result of the election in this county attributing that result to the influence exerted by that paper. If Mr Fagnan had not had the support of a large number of personal Republican friends, some of whom traveled the county in his behalf, he would not have come within 500 votes of an election

THEY are growling at Mr Cleveland because he buys English writing paper, English linens and other articles of British manufacture But why should there be any surprise at these things? Mr Cleveland has never made the pretense of being interested in American manufactures, and when he buys English goods he is simply acting upon a preference which every American has had abundant opportunity to understand. One man's patriotism is not necessarily like every other man's. Mr. Cleveland's love of country has at various times in his career illustrated this significant fact.—*Brooklyn Times.*

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somewhere. The business developments of the election are already full of warning for the Democratic party, and it will be wise to read the handwriting on the wall Here are some of the results growing out of the political revolution

The Fostoria Shade and Lamp Company, of Fostoria, Ohio, the largest makers of lamp shades in the United States, have put their men on half time.

The Consolidated Window Glass Co., of the same place have given notice to their men that hereafter they will work only on orders. The pay roll of these two factories amounts to $30,000 a month

The owners of two cotton mills and one machine shop at Fall River have abandoned their plans to enlarge their plants.

The Falcon Iron and Nail Company of Youngstown Ohio have been putting in foundations for a large tin-plate plant at Niles in that state The building has been stopped

The Lackawanna Knitting Mills, at Scranton have abandoned, their purpose to erect a $100,000 addition to their plant since Cleveland was elected

Night work at the Phoenixville Iron Works has been stopped, and recently there was a general reduction of the employees throughout the entire works

Nov 11 was the time set for the erection of a $40,000 addition to the large phosphorus works at Central N. J. It was proposed to add a large force of workmen to those already employed but the uncertainty of the tariff has caused an abandonment of the addition and instead of the building going up the stakes were drawn and some thirty men will have to look out for employment elsewhere.

The Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company of Conshohocken Pa. which had been making arrangements to start in connection with their mill the manufacture of tin plate and had ordered the machinery for the same have abandoned the project and countermanded the order for the machinery The reason is that the incoming Democratic Administration having declared its policy to be against protection they fear that the industry would not likely thrive under a tariff for revenue.

The employees of J. Painter & Sons iron works Pittsburgh were notified on the 17th that hereafter the mill will run only single turn instead of three turns as has been the custom for some time When asked for a reason for the change Superintendent T. J. Harper said it was the result of the recent election and for want of orders

A dispatch from Rockville Conn of Nov 15th says Notices have been received by a number of large woolen manufacturing companies here to cancel orders of goods for large amounts on account of the result of the recent election. One company which had planned to build a new mill has abandoned the project

E. D. Jones Sons & Co of Pittsfield Mass recently [illegible] on the 12th of Nov [illegible] for machinery for a [illegible] paper mill in New York state for which the foundations are already laid The proprietors say they have decided not to go on in [illegible] of the recent election.

[illegible] W Howard of Neenah Wis who recently sold the Howard Paper Mills in Menasha for $50,000 and intended to erect another one says that he will not lay a brick He believes that the tariff will be taken off of paper and he is of the opinion that such an act will cause every paper mill in the Fox River Valley to shut down

The Waynesboro Md *Gazette* of a recent date says The Hagerstown Knitting mills employing 100 men gave notice that the plant will be suspended on Saturday next for an indefinite period The president says this action is the result of the election and the certain prospect as he believes of the reduction or removal of the tariff on knit goods and the consequent [illegible] of the American market [illegible] foreign [illegible]

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When Mr Cleveland was elected eight years ago the [illegible] railroad stocks declined [illegible] This year after the most prosperous [illegible] month the people of the United States had ever known, [illegible] railroad stocks were on average [illegible] less per share on the Saturday following election day than they were on the previous Saturday [illegible] on the other hand [illegible] up on the theory that cotton is king once more

The tariff smashers are not likely to be influenced by any such indications as these but the conservative Democrats will do well to read the signs of the times and take warning They will find that incidental protection at least, will be necessary to prosperity *Phil Press*

THE FIGHT FOR PLUMS

The Pittsburgh *Times* a few days since published a list of the presidential postoffices in Pennsylvania, the date of expiration of the term of the present incumbents and the salaries allowed them. Following are the names of the offices, salaries received &c. in McKean and adjoining counties

Offices	Term Expires	Salaries
McKEAN COUNTY		
Bradford	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kane	July 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Smethport	December 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Eldred	May 18[illegible]	[illegible]
Port Allegany	December 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
CAMERON COUNTY		
Emporium	April [illegible]	1,[illegible]
ELK COUNTY		
Ridgway	December 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
St. Marys	December 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Johnsonburg	May 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
POTTER COUNTY		
Coudersport	December 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
Austin	February 189[illegible]	1,[illegible]
WARREN COUNTY		
Warren	December 1897	2,[illegible]
North Clarendon	January 1894	1,[illegible]
Sheffield	January 1894	1,[illegible]
Tidioute	February 1894	1,[illegible]

Can't be Beat

Our line of Underwear and Hosiery, we have anything in this line of goods that you desire, any price, any size, large men looked after just the same as the smaller ones. Ike Simons, 30 Main St., Bradford, Pa. Shirts made to order

House of Representatives at the coming session, is much talked of by the statesmen who arrive almost daily, to make arrangements for a winter's stay at the State Capitol.

The candidates for office, named in last week's letter to the MINER, with a few exceptions will doubtless be elected.

Ex-Speaker Thompson, was a visitor to our city last week, and he claimed that the same influence that elected him to the speakership two years ago, will again place him in possession of the gavel for the present session. The demands for the best places have invariably come from Philadelphia, and in past years have been conceded, but a fair distribution of offices of recent years has made it necessary to concede a little to country members. Ex Speaker Thompson relies on this element, together with his excellent record of the session of 1891, to again choose him as the presiding officer of the session of 1893 Philadelphia, as usual this year asks for only three good places or rather three applicants have announced their desire to serve the State at this session. Harry Walton wants to be speaker Charlie Voorhees will get the chief clerkship Harry Huhn who will take anything he can get wants to be reading clerk At a recent consultation of the Philadelphians it was intended to indorse that city's choice for places, but it failed for the reason that it was thought inadvisable to tie the delegation up with too many promises, because the experiences of these proceedings in recent years resulted in Philadelphia getting left out in the cold altogether therefore beyond an understanding as to the United States Senatorship no applicant from that city has received the endorsement of the delegation

Jere Rex of Huntingdon county who was reading clerk of the last House wants promotion and is making a canvass for the place that has been generally conceded to "Charlie" Voorhees chief clerk and feels assured that the country strength he claims to have will give him the place he wants But from all your correspondent can glean from members elect who have been to Harrisburg recently it is more than probable that Mr Rex won't be chief clerk but can have if he wants it his old place while irrepressible Harry Huhn will again be satisfied with the position of clerk to the speaker of the House Forrest Nichols who made a most acceptable journal clerk last session is spoken of for his old place but he is in a measure handicapped by the fact that his county Crawford has sent to the legislature a solid Democratic delegation which will have no voice in the organization of the House however all the members elect that I have spoken to are willing to help Forrest back into his place as journal clerk. The organization of the House I think will be as follows:

C C Thompson Speaker
Charles Voorhees Chief Clerk
Jere Rex Reading Clerk
J. D. Patterson Resident Clerk

The state committee of the House will hold a meeting in Harrisburg on the Saturday or Monday previous to the convening of the Legislature and will determine finally who are the favored ones

From present appearances the coming House will be above the average in its personnel and much good to the state ought to be looked for in the shape of healthy wholesome legislation.

George V Lawrence of Washington county is a veteran in legislative halls having served [illegible] in years [illegible] veteran [illegible] legislative halls [illegible] the state will especially [illegible] committee work where bills relating to the betterment of the state [illegible] will have to be considered Ex Speaker Harry Boyer for two successive sessions speaker of the House and two years State Treasurer will also be in the House again to look after the protection of the tax bills that will without doubt be offered for consideration at this session Ex Speaker Hewitt of Blair whose former [illegible] in the House the late Charles [illegible] Wolf of Union county [illegible] capable and lively as could be desired will be a member again and his experience will be a help that all others I might mention to give to the state when the legislative halls shall have been completed some [illegible] and wise legislation The list might be lengthened but let me close this by simply putting on record a prediction that the state will be the gainer by having these old veterans again in harness for the session of 1893. There is no change in the Senate from that indicated in my last letter.

Under the new Baker ballot law our local primaries will have to be held much earlier than usual some time in December and already our local politicians are as busy as bees for their favorite.

Our Democratic friends throughout the Union have struck a snag which has completely knocked them out of their reckoning. The recent utterances of President elect Cleveland as to his proposed conduct in sacking the Republican officials out of office, do not please the followers of the doctrine of Jacksonian sports. Cleveland's motto is move slow and his declaration that applications for office made now will in all probability never reach the files at Washington and to give emphasis to the declaration, he shifts his camping ground to an island on the Atlantic coast, remote from telegraph, telephone or mail communication so as to be absolutely free from the importunities of office seekers and their backers.

Cleveland is developing into a Mugwump but wait until after March 4th 1893 and then see the meteoric shower of beheaded Republican office holders flying through space heavenward bound to rest until the next political resurrection [illegible]

WHILE the Democratic papers are pronouncing funeral addresses over the Republican Party it is well to remember that a great many times in the last twenty five years the Republican papers have placed a little rose bud in the supposed to be dead hands of the Democratic Party [illegible] *City Times*

IN proceeding to rip up the Tariff the statesman from the cane brakes of the Gulf States should bear in mind that the manufacturers who have established their industrial plants are ready for the change as soon as the scale of wages in this country can be brought down to the approved European level. The skilled workingman will be the first to feel the pinch, and after him the farmer, who is anxious to secure his hired man for twenty-five cents less per annum —*N Y Advertiser*

having nominated a Democratic candidate for President on a platform declaring the war of the Union a failure, have united with the Confederate Bourbons of the South in demanding that the payment of pensions shall be cut down.

Before the election Democratic newspapers were filled with hypocritical assurances of affection for Union veterans and respect for their claims on the country's gratitude. The necessity for dissimulation is now over A Democratic President whose hostility toward the men who bore arms in the defense of the nation found expression in a long series of sneering and unmanly pension vetoes has been elected. The House is Democratic. The Senate, for many years the bulwark of Americanism, has been stormed by the men whose political principles are found in the confederate constitution The command has gone forth that the old soldier must be sacrificed

The New York Democratic organ, whose rampant treason during the Rebellion forced the government at Washington to order its temporary suppression, denounces the pension system as "a carnival of wrong and robbery," and shrieks frantically that it must be changed Democratic journals in New England in the Middle states and the west echo the cry The Bourbon organs of the south are exultant in the triumph over the men they have never ceased to hate and clamorous in their demand for the withdrawal of the nation's bounty for them

Be it so The Republican party will not shirk the issue The Republican party has no apology to make for having the nation's [illegible] for its generous treatment of the heroes who faced death under the stars and stripes. It will stand by its principles now as it stood by its guns during the years of storm and stress when Democracy fought the Union armies in the field and treacherously assailed the Union cause from the rear Attempts to rob the gray haired veterans of the hard won pittance that this mighty and prosperous nation, the richest on earth has decreed shall be theirs will meet with the determined resistance of the Republicans in the Fifty third Congress If projected Democratic schemes are carried out in spite of Republican opposition the Republican party will appeal to the people at the next general election to hurl from power the faction that refuses bread to the men but for whose patriotic devotion the United States would not today be in existence *N Y Press*

SINCE the election there has been a great deal of assumption on the part of Democratic and Cleveland papers that the pension roll is filled with the names of men who under the pension laws are not entitled to the bounty of the Government If this was so or even if Democratic leaders think it is so why do they not move for an investigation The House is Democratic and after March 4th Cleveland can order a re-examination of cases through the Pension Bureau. Why do not these Cleveland organs wait instead of assuming that half of the pensions are fraudulent For the reason that they know they cannot prove their charges and that it will better serve their purpose to incite a feeling of prejudice and hostility among the people against the veterans who served the Union They are moved by the same kind of spirit of antipathy to the Union soldiers as are those Democratic rebels who smeared their tombstones with paint *Indianapolis Journal*

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[illegible] Those pictures are generally little more than a larger life study somewhat more thoughtfully posed and given a title answering somewhat to the work which in the old guilds of [illegible] the past apprentice made [illegible] rights to the title of master, but unless the condition of a painter [illegible] the young painter seeks at once paths [illegible] and important [illegible] be encouraged. It may be still [illegible] If the criticism be worth [illegible] that one of the [illegible] thrown at the painter of the nude is that he is barely induced by the commercial value of his product, that he provides for those of [illegible] to which the possession by their originators of nearly all these works of this character is sufficient answer. There yet remains however a certain number of whom the writer is one who believe that they have a right to paint [illegible] and to be heard in its behalf.—From "The Nude in Art," by Will H. Low in the Christmas December number of *Scribner's Magazine.*

Electric Bitters

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys will remove Pimples, Boils Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood. Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all malarial fevers For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded Price 50 cts and $1 00 per bottle at B. K. Foster's Drug Store

Pedagogical Discussions.

The pedagogical discussions which will take place at the Edinboro State Normal school during the coming winter and spring will greatly benefit the teachers and students of North Western Pennsylvania. The Normal school will be assisted in these discussions by State Supt Hon D J Waller Harrisburg Pa Prof [illegible] Handy Newark Delaware, Supt H C Missimer, Erie Pa. Supt [illegible] Youngstown Ohio Supt [illegible] New Castle Pa Hon Jas [illegible] Pa. These discussions will be free to all students, teachers and friends of the school. Write to the Principal for information. The winter term begins Dec 13

To Young Mothers

Who are for the first time to undergo woman's severest trial we offer you the [illegible] the chloroform, with risk of death to you or your offspring but "Mother's Friend," a remedy which will invariably alleviate the pains, horrors and risk of labor, if used as directed and often do away with them. Sold by A. H. Armstrong, Druggist.

Hat and Wrapper [illegible]

The new Dunlap hat is now ready for your inspection, this hat needs no comments, other than being the best hat in the world, Ike Simons, 30 Main St Bradford, Pa. Sole Agent for McKean Co.

[illegible] at public sale at the [illegible] House, in Smethport, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1892,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property

[illegible]

Defendants interest in all those certain tracts of land lying, being and situate in the township of Keating, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit:

PARCEL NO. 1.

Beginning at a post on the east bank of Potato Creek, Thence east 314.5 perches to a corner; thence south 181.6 perches to a corner, thence west 127.8 perches, to east bank of Potato Creek, thence along the east bank of Potato Creek by its several courses and distances to the place of beginning. Containing 110 acres strict measure, be the same more or less. Excepting and excluding about two acres of land, occupied as Fairmount cemetery, and having erected thereon a large frame dwelling and two frame barns with other out-buildings, good bearing orchard 40 acres under cultivation Being lots No. 210 and No. 223 and parts of warrants No. 2230 and No. 2201 of Keating allotment.

PARCEL NO. 2.

Beginning at a post corner on the south bank of Potato Creek being the northwest corner of land conveyed to Thos. Goodwin, lot No. 141, thence south 135 perches to a post, the southwest corner of same thence west 13.4 perches to a Birch the northwest corner of land conveyed to E. D Hamlin lot No 112, thence south 63.4 perches to center of highway thence along said center of highway S. 47 degrees west 61.4 perches to a corner thence west 44 perches to a corner thence north 41 perches to a corner, thence west 14.4 perches to a corner, thence north 41 perches to north line of lands of McKean and Buffalo R. R. thence along said north line of McKean and Buffalo R. R. lands south 59 degrees west 30 perches, and south 49 degrees west [illegible] perches to the west line of lot No. 220 thence north 97 perches to a post on the south bank of the said Potato Creek the northeast corner of same thence down the said creek by its several courses and distances to the place of beginning Being lots No. 112 and No. 220 and parts of lots No. 141 and No. 140 and warrants Nos. 2230 2201 and 2211 of allotment of Keating lands in Keating Township Containing 121 acres and 71 perches strict measure be the same more or less, about ten acres under cultivation and balance timbered well fenced.

PARCEL NO. 3.

Beginning at a post corner standing 60 perches west of the northeast corner of lot No. 215, deeded to Moore and Cornelius thence west 71 perches to the northwest corner of said Moore & Cornelius lot No 215 thence north 6 perches to the northeast corner of land deeded to [illegible] Proctor then a west 16 rods to the east corner of land owned by Casper Smith thence north 114 perches to a post corner of Amasa [illegible] land thence east 43.5 perches to a post corner of the same thence south 121 perches to the place of beginning Containing 4[illegible] acres be the same more or less. Excepting and reserving oil and gas that may be found [illegible] previously conveyed [illegible] cultivated.

PARCEL NO. 4.

[illegible] one half interest in the following piece or parcel of land Beginning at a post corner standing 11 perches south and [illegible] perches east of the southeast corner of [illegible] Keating survey of Keating Township [illegible] being parts of warrants Nos. [illegible] thence east 141 perches to an [illegible] corner thence north 47 perches to a post corner thence west 140 perches to a post corner thence south 47 perches and 1-10 of a perch to the place of beginning Containing 40 acres [illegible] Not cultivated.

PARCEL NO. 5.

[illegible] one half interest in the following piece or parcel of land Beginning at a post corner in the east line of the McKean and Buffalo R. R. thence south 6 degrees east [illegible] perches to a post corner thence south 11 degrees west 7 perches to a post corner in the [illegible] thence west [illegible] perches to the east line of said railroad thence northerly in the east line of said Railroad to the place of beginning containing [illegible] acres and 31 perches and having erected thereon one large grist mill with three run of stone and one frame dwelling house.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Caspar Smith at the suit of [illegible]
[illegible] Rose [illegible] Atty

2.

[illegible] interest in all that certain piece [illegible] of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit: [illegible] being known as the southerly one-half [illegible] of lot seventy-three [illegible] of the Whitney & Wheeler's east side of building lot as per survey and plot of [illegible] Gerton surveyor [illegible] map [illegible] in the Recorder's office at [illegible] in Deed Book Vol. [illegible] at page [illegible] being twenty-five feet front [illegible] and running back one hundred feet being the same property transferred by deed of Charles W. Whitney to George L. Daggett by deed dated the [illegible] day of August A. D. [illegible] and the [illegible] deed of George L. Daggett to Frank H. W[illegible] by deed dated [illegible] of March A. D. 1891 and [illegible] all the conditions agreements and reservations contained therein [illegible] frame dwelling house thereon and other buildings thereon erected.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. H. Willard at the suit of W. [illegible]
[illegible] Attorney

[illegible]

Defendants interest in all that certain parcel or tract of land situated in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a post on the north side of Washington street, at the southeast corner of old village [illegible] thence north [illegible] feet to a post thence west 75 feet to [illegible] thence east along Washington street [illegible] feet to place of beginning, containing [illegible] feet and being the same [illegible] Augustus W. Newell and wife [illegible] Sept. 30, 1891 [illegible] Recorder's [illegible] Deed Book Vol. [illegible] page [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows [illegible] Beginning at a post in the north [illegible] street at a point where [illegible] thence [illegible] feet to a post thence north fifty feet [illegible] of the New York Lake Erie and Western Railroad thence west along the line of said Railroad [illegible] feet to a post thence south by [illegible] along Hilton street, fifty feet to a post in the northerly line of said street [illegible] along said street thirty feet to the place of beginning being all of lot No. 23 [illegible] two and [illegible] feet of [illegible] and thirty three [illegible] however [illegible] terms and conditions [illegible] same property conveyed by [illegible] Flink by A. J. Edgett and [illegible] October A. D. 1890 and recorded in Recorder's office McKean county in Deed Book [illegible] page 4[illegible] &c on [illegible] day of [illegible] with a two story frame dwelling house [illegible] and other buildings thereon erected.

SECOND

[illegible] interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situated lying and being in Bradford city, McKean county Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a post in the south line of [illegible] street said post being distant 10 [illegible] feet easterly from the line of the street from an iron post in the [illegible] of said street thence south [illegible] and at right angles with said street one hundred feet to a post thence easterly and parallel with said street twenty five 25 feet to a post thence northerly parallel with the west line and at right angles with said street, one hundred feet to a post in the south line of said [illegible] street thence westerly by the south line of said street twenty five 25 feet to the place of beginning and being lot No. 113 of [illegible] Bradford with a two-story frame dwelling house thereon being same property conveyed to Louis Flink by A. J. Edgett and wife [illegible] C. R. Whitehead and wife dated 4th February A. D. 1890, and recorded in the Recorder's office in McKean county Penn'a in Deed Book [illegible] page [illegible] &c. on 25th February A. D. 1890.

THIRD

[illegible] interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the city of Bradford, McKean county, State of Pennsylvania bounded as follows, to-wit: Being lot [illegible] of C. W. Whitney's [illegible] on Corydon street in the city of Bradford as per map and survey of F. M. Webster [illegible] said map being now on file in the Recorder's office of McKean county, Penn'a in Deed book Vol. 33, at page 120, said lot being fifty feet front on Corydon street and running back to the west branch of Tuna creek, subject to reservations in deed from Charles W. Whitney to Louis Flink dated first day of April A. D. 1890 and recorded in Recorder's office McKean county State of Penn'a in Deed book [illegible] page 3[illegible] &c. on the [illegible] day of February A. D. 1891, with two one story and a half frame houses thereon erected and other buildings.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Louis Flink at the suit of W. D. Hazen.
[illegible] Pl'ffs Atty

5.

Defendants interest in all that certain undivided one quarter interest in leasehold estate situate in Bradford Township McKean county, and state of Pennsylvania being a part of the C. B. & H farm and bounded and described as follows: That portion of land about Babcock Mills station on narrow gauge railroad that has not heretofore been leased. Bounded on the north by land leased to W. H. D. A. [illegible] Abbott on the west by the west line of the tract on the east and south by lease of M. H. Mercer [illegible] Mercer & Kilburn and I. W. [illegible] Containing 20 acres more or less. The original lease being recorded in McKean county Pennsylvania, in mortgage book "T" page [illegible] etc. Also the following described leasehold: Beginning at a post in the southeast corner of lot No 79 and northwest corner [illegible] thence south 2 degrees and 20 minutes west [illegible] rods to a post thence north [illegible] degrees west [illegible] rods to a post in the east line of the Bradley farm thence north [illegible] degrees 45 minutes east in the east line of the Bradley farm 22 rods to a post in the southwest corner of lot No. 79 thence south 40 degrees east 37.5 rods to the place of beginning Containing eight [illegible] acres being lot No. 104 in warrant 3[illegible] as shown on map and located and staked out by Geo. T. Keith surveyor said original lease and assignment to J. Henderson et al, together with the assignment to first party of both of the above described lots of land being recorded herewith Said property having thereon three oil wells four carpenters rigs, a like one fourth interest in which is hereby conveyed together with a like interest in all machinery and fixtures thereon, one boiler, two engines, all tanks, all feet of tubing, all feet of casing, all feet of sucker rods, engine house, derrick, and all tools thereon and all and singular the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of C. E. Loomey, at the suit of Joseph Headrick.
C. J. Curtis, H. L. Romain, Pl'ffs Attys.

[illegible] south line of the said [illegible] lot and by the south line of lands of [illegible] feet more or less to a point at the northeast corner of lands of Caroline Brown; thence south by the east line of the said Caroline Brown [illegible] ninety-four (94) feet more or less to a post; thence east fifty-one (51) feet more or less to an iron post; thence north ninety-eight (98) feet more or less to the place of beginning. Containing about four thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight (4998) square feet. This conveyance is made subject to a tenant lease given to Mrs. H. C. Olive, dated January 1st 1891, and expiring January 1st 1893, and being the same land deeded to Michael Dougherty by F. L. Webster and wife by deed dated July 25th, 1891 recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean County, in deed book No. "[illegible]" at page 523 etc. Improved and having thereon one, one story board dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Michael Dougherty at the suit of E. S. Curtis.
Berry & Edgett, Pl'ffs Attys.

7.

Defendants interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Eldred Township County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows Beginning at a post in the center of the highway being the southwest of land of H Lumbeck lot 126 thence north 37.6 rods to a post thence west 2[illegible] rods to a post, thence north 183 rods to the north west corner of said lot 126, thence west by the Allegany river to the northeast corner of land of Jno Morrison, thence south 113 rods to a post thence east 20 rods to a post, thence south 65.7 rods to a post, thence east 25.8 rods to a post, thence south 25.7 rods to a post in center of highway, being the southeast corner of land of John Faber lot 135, thence north 50 degrees, east 3 5-10 rods to the place of beginning Containing 21 and 6-10 acres strict measure being lot 179 of the allotment of Keating lands in Eldred Township, and part of warrants 4221, 3461, reserving one half interest in all oil gas or mineral found in or upon said premises Unimproved. Also all that certain lot or piece of land situate and being in the township of Ceres, but formerly in the Township of Annin County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows, viz. Beginning at a post the southwest corner of land contracted to G. S. Gillett lot 253, thence west ninety-nine (99) perches to a post in the east line of land contracted to H. S. Gleason lot No. 231 thence north 31 degrees east thirty four and eighth tenths (34 8-10) perches to a Maple thence north 38 perches to a post corner thence north 17 degrees, east 50 perches to a maple, the southwest corner of lot No. 222 thence east 64 perches to a post the southeast corner of the same thence south 112 perches to the place of beginning Containing 54 8-10 acres of land strict measure be the same more or less, and being lot No. 179 of the allotment of the lands of Keating and Co., in Annin Township and part of warrant No. 2281, excepting all of the petroleum oil and gas, in or under the land above described. Unimproved

Seized taken in execution, and will be sold as the property of Frank Pallman and G. B. Gillett assignee of Frank Pallman Terre Tenant at the suit of G. B. Gillett.
John N. Apple, Pl'ffs Atty

8.

Defendants interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Otto, in the County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania and bounded and described as follows On the north by lots Nos. 222 and 193 of the allotment of the lands of the Bingham estate in said township of Otto on the east by lot No. 172 and the east line of warrants Nos. 2009, and on the south by lots Nos. 2[illegible] and 2[illegible] of said Bingham allotment, and on the west by lots Nos. 2[illegible] and 1[illegible] of said Bingham allotment. Containing 100 [illegible] acres of land, and being lots Nos. 1[illegible] and 2[illegible] of the said Bingham allotment in Otto Township and parts of warrants Nos. 2[illegible] and 2009. Also all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the Township of Otto aforesaid and bounded and described as follows On the north by lots Nos. [illegible] and 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment of lands in said Township on the east by lots Nos. 2[illegible] and 192 on the south by lot No 1[illegible] and on the west by lots Nos. 1[illegible] 1[illegible] and 2[illegible]. Containing 121 4-10 acres of land be the same more or less, and being lots Nos. 1[illegible] and 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment aforesaid and parts of warrants Nos. 2009 and 2009. Also all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Otto aforesaid and bounded and described as follows on the north by lot No. 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment in Otto Township aforesaid on the east by lots Nos. 2[illegible] and 1[illegible] on the south by lot No. 1[illegible], and on the west by lots Nos. 1[illegible] and 1[illegible]. Containing 5[illegible] acres of land be the same more or less and being lot No. 1[illegible] of the Bingham allotment aforesaid and part of warrant No 2009. Also all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in the Township of Otto aforesaid and bounded and described as follows on the north by lot No. 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment in Otto Township aforesaid on the east by lots Nos. [illegible] and 1[illegible] on the south by lot No. 1[illegible] and on the west by lot No. 1[illegible] Containing [illegible] acres of land be the same more or less and being lot No. 1[illegible] of the Bingham allotment aforesaid, and parts of warrants Nos. 2009 and [illegible]. Also all that certain tract or lot of land situate in the Township of Otto aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows on the north by lot No. 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment in said township, on the east by lots Nos. [illegible] and 2[illegible] on the south by lot No. 7[illegible] and on the west by lot No. [illegible] Containing 5[illegible] acres of land be the same more or less, and being lot No. 2[illegible] of the Bingham allotment aforesaid, and part of warrant No. 2009. About one hundred acres of above tracts of land improved and having thereon two small houses, one large barn, one small barn in a large apple orchard.

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Arthur [illegible] at the suit of H. Hamlin.
R. H. Rose Pl'ff Atty

9.

Defendants interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of [illegible] county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a post [illegible] rods west of the south west corner of the lot on which Eastwood resides thence south one hundred rods to a post for a corner in the north line of the lot formerly [illegible] thence east two hundred [illegible] [illegible]

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of [illegible] Bank & Co.
[illegible] Pl'ffs Atty

10.

Defendants interest in all that undivided one half interest the following described piece or parcels of land situate and lying in Bradford township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows Beginning at the north corner of land deeded to Henry Fisher by F. F. Boden and wife running thence westerly along said Fisher's north line one hundred and twenty four and six tenths rods thence north twenty seven rods thence east along the south line of land owned formerly by Bessler Wilson & Emery, one hundred and twenty four and six tenths rods thence south twenty six rods to the place of beginning containing twenty four and fifty four one hundredths acres be the same more or less, part of warrant No. 3[illegible] together with two oil wells thereon and all tanks tubing casing, sucker-rods, fixtures and appurtenances thereto and thereunto belonging being same lands conveyed to A. R. Sellew by F. F. Boden by deed dated July 10 1883.

Also defendants interest in all that certain tract or parcel of land situate in Bradford township McKean county Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit Beginning at a post on the north side of the [illegible] the southwest corner of land [illegible] to A and J Covert thence southerly sixteen and six tenths rods to a post in the south bank of [illegible] creek thence in an easterly direction by said south bank of creek to the corner of land deeded to Margaret Wilson a distance of thirteen and three tenths rods more or less thence southerly one hundred and eight and four tenths rods by the east line of said Wilson lot to a post in the southeast corner of said Wilson lot thence easterly one hundred and three tenths rods to a post thence northerly one hundred and five rods more or less to the north line of the highway in a westerly direction to the place of beginning containing seventy acres of land more or less, and being the same piece conveyed to H. F. Pickett and A. R. Sellew by James Bressler and wife by deed dated January 29th 1881 and by John E. Ford and wife by deed dated March 10, 1881 also being the same land mentioned in deed from H. F. Pickett and wife dated February 1, 1892, and recorded in Recorder's office in McKean county, Pa., in Deed Book Vol. 13, page 338, together with seven oil wells engines, boilers, tanks, tubing casing and everything pertaining to said oil wells situate thereon and thereunto belonging

Seized taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Isabel M. O'Connell, D. H. O'Connell at the suit of Frank Lorraine.
C. J. Curtis Pl'ffs Atty

11.

Defendants interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate in the township of Eldred, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, viz Beginning at a post northeast corner of lot No 108 conveyed to D Blanchard thence east one hundred perches to post corner thence south eighty perches to post corner thence west one hundred perches to post in east line of lot 108, contracted to Asa [illegible] thence north by lines of lots 108, 164 and 1[illegible] eighty perches to the place of beginning, containing fifty acres, strict measure, more or less, being lot No. 2[illegible] of allotment of Keating lands in Eldred township and part of warrant No. 3458. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house with wing attached, cattle sheds, out houses, &c bearing orchard good spring water; about 30 acres improved

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Fred Candell at the suit of H. E. [illegible]
T F Richmond, Pl'ffs Atty
WALTER GIBB, Sheriff
Sheriff's office Smethport, Nov 21, 1892.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No 28 Feb Term, 1892.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss —THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county greeting

Whereas, M. Bell Sloan, by her next friend, Philip [illegible], on the 13th day, of December 1892, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said County, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, John W. Sloan.

We therefore command you, the said John W. Sloan that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 3d Monday of December next, to answer the petition or libel of said M. Bell Sloan and to show cause, if any you have, why the said M. Bell Sloan your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy WALTER GIBB, Sheriff.
C. D. Longfellow, Libellant's Attorney,
Smethport Pa., Nov. 13, 1892.

Notice.

All persons are forbidden to cut wood or timber on the land known as the Buffalo Coal Co. Tract.
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BUFFALO, Nov. 30, 1892.

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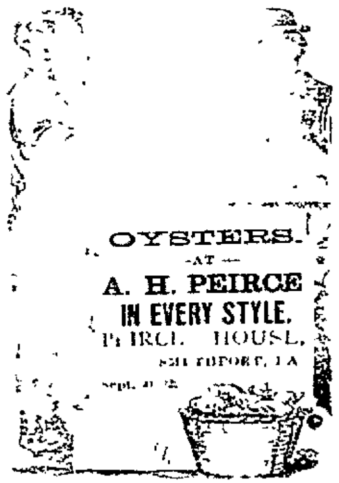

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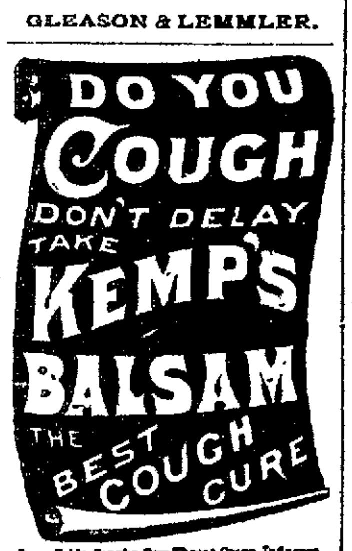

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D. F. GREEN.
COLEGROVE, PA., Nov. 19, 1892.

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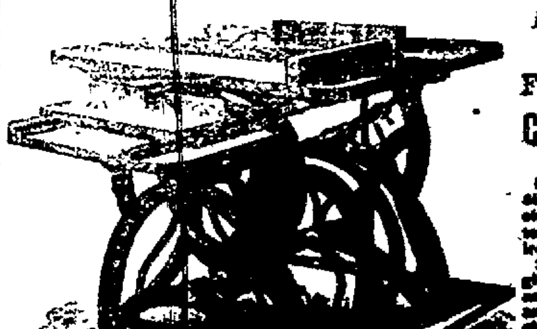

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The year 1892 is on the home stretch.

—And now Mt. Jewett aspires to be a borough.

—The jingling of the sleigh bells will soon be heard

Aspirants for the Smethport postoffice are multiplying

A real rose in the hat is said to be the correct thing

—Our merchants are beginning to display their holiday goods,

James Taylor has been appointed postmaster at Turtle Point.

Farmer Hopkins at the opera house, next Friday night, Dec. 9th

To-day marks the 33d anniversary of the execution of John Brown.

Both of Gifford's mills in this borough have closed down indefinitely

Rhinestone buckles are one of the features of fall and winter millinery

But four weeks more and the ladies leap year opportunities will be gone for four years.

See the new advertisement of the "Bazaar" Bradford It contains matter of interest to everybody

George Garlock postmaster of Hazelton postoffice, Hamlin township is seriously ill with typhoid fever

Remember the oyster supper on Friday evening of this week at the residence of F D Hopkins. All are invited

—Only think of it. The MINER and the New York *Tribune*, one year each paid for $1 25 Subscribe now

There was good skating on the pond last Friday and Saturday which was taken advantage of by a number of the town boys.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give an oyster supper on Friday evening of this week at the residence of F D Hopkins. Everybody invited to attend

—A reception will be given Rev G W Halliwell and wife, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 6th, at the residence on Water street. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—The McKean County MINER and the New York *Tribune* for $1 25 This is undoubtedly the greatest newspaper combination ever offered Now is the time to subscribe

The county seat of St Albans gets county is to have Little Valley, and Olean offers to raise $10,000 towards the erection of the county buildings if that town secures the location.

Hunting has been the order of late and while many of the local nimrods were seen wending their way to the woods, very few have been seen returning with much game

Messrs Stickney Ritchie & Co have now placed their large and fine stock of groceries, etc, and the display which bears the ear marks of an artist is really a magnificent one. Call and see it.

—The St. Cecelia Society composed of a number of Smethport's estimable young ladies, gave an oyster supper at the guild room in Backus Hall Monday evening Those who attended were hospitably entertained.

—Contrary to the usual custom, no Christmas tree will be had at the M E. church this year A supper will be given to the children on Saturday Dec 24th, and Christmas exercises will be held at the church on Sunday evening

—The latest and prettiest song now being sung on the stage, is entitled, "The Indian Summer time." It is by the popular author Wm. L. Thompson of East Liverpool, Ohio, The price is 40 cents. Send the author half price and you will receive a copy

—The *Press*, awakening from its lethargical state since election, arises and asks if the late Democratic landslide was a victory. Well, if it wasn't a victory we would like to know what to call it. *Emporium Echo*. Call it a disaster neighbor, and you'll hit it pretty close

—The many friends of Dr O B Young will be pleased to know that he will move back to Eldred, next week, and resume his practice of medicine here For the present he will occupy the rooms over A. T Barden's store at the the corner of Main and King street.—*Eagle*

—The grip is making itself felt again says an exchange. It behooves people to keep the system as vigorous as possible, and keep the extremities dry and warm. and above all to keep the head covered when they go out doors. Great care must be taken in every case or else trouble is sure to follow.

—Mrs. Maria A Harm, daughter of Mrs. John E. Taylor, of this borough, died in Buffalo, N. Y., Monday Nov. 28th, 1892, aged 63 years. The remains were brought to Smethport Wednesday and services held in the Baptist church, Rev. G. H Halliwell, officiating. Interment in Rose Hill cemetery

—Emil Thamm, has the addition to his house, on Mechanic street, completed, and is moving his cigar manufactory and stock of tobacco, etc., thereto Mr Thamm, while giving more attention to the manufacture of cigars, will still keep up his stock of tobacco and smokers articles of all kinds at the new stand.

—Rev. Halliwell's subject in the morning will be "The reason Christ is not ashamed to call us Brethren." In the evening he will speak on "What we preach." Sunday School immediately after morning service. Young peoples' meeting at 6.30. The public is invited to attend any and all of these services.

tate of lime and charcoal. John E. Coryell, of Williamsport is president of the company. The works will be rebuilt

—Quarterly meeting will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday. At 9 30 there will be love feast, to which all are invited. At 10.30 preaching by Rev. F. W Berlin, of Bradford. In the evening Rev Berlin will preach a special sermon to young people Mr Berlin is the District President of the Epworth League, and is recognized as an exceptionally able man. No doubt large congregations will greet him at both services.

—Those of our people who witnessed the performance of Farmer Hopkins a year ago, will be pleased to know that they will have another opportunity to see the jolly farmer on Friday evening, Dec. 9th, Mr Frank S. Davidson is continually improving this play and this year it is said to be much better than ever before Mr Davidson will be supported by a carefully selected company of artistic merit. Don't fail to go, and go prepared to laugh.

The new advertisement of D C Young which appears in this week's MINER will amply pay perusal. Among other things announced is holiday goods, of which he has a full line the display of which at his store is well worth seeing But perhaps our readers do not yet care to invest in this kind of goods. Well D C Young has a complete stock of everything required to clothe or feed you and his prices will compare with anything in this part of the country

The Baptist Sunday school will give a Christmas operetta or sacred cantata at Christmas time Prof Hard who has a large class in vocal and instrumental music in Smethport has been engaged as instructor and will conduct its presentation All singers in town or out are invited to participate and will be assigned parts suited to their voices. The first rehearsal will be held at the Baptist church on Saturday evening Dec 3d at 7 o'clock sharp Something fine may be looked for

A barn belonging to M W Wagner at Bradford, was destroyed by fire on Sunday afternoon last. Abbott Arnold baggageman of the St. James hotel while endeavoring to get the horses out of the barn was overcome by smoke and was burned to death Arnold was a well known character about Bradford having lived there for the past 15 years He was aged about 45 years and leaves a wife and three children Four horses were also cremated and a large amount of carriages and other paraphernalia of a barn was destroyed.

An exchange says a local newspaper is often accused of bias in regard to giving personal notices of mentioning the coming and going of some and omitting others. The fault is with the people and not with the editor He is always willing and even anxious to tell who goes and who comes If he can tell of it If you have visitors, let us know who they are and where they come from If anything happens in your vicinity let us know about it If you get married let us know If you know anything let us know about it. The editor of a newspaper can not be everywhere at once hunting up items, and must depend largely on the people to hand in items of interest

It should be remembered that under the new ballot law nomination papers for candidates for township and borough officers must be filed with the auditor at least ten days and nomination papers at least seven days before the election This will require the nominations to be made by the respective parties not later than February 10th the election occurring on the third Tuesday of that month In order to get the tickets and other preparations made That the new law will prove somewhat burdensome and expensive in comparison with the old method of holding elections is generally apprehended The duties of township auditors under the law are important and those officers should give the matter careful attention

A historic movement has been proceeding so quietly for the past ten years that few have noticed it at all This is the return of the Jews to Palestine So many have gone thither that it begins to look almost as if the Bible prophecy were to be fulfilled The ancient land now contains more than 100 000 of the chosen people. One of the first effects of the movement is the upward tendency in the real estate market. The country is being irrigated and cultivated, waterworks of an improved pattern are being constructed and electric lights of the yankee type are already flickering from the street corners of the holy city Railways will soon crisscross Palestine like spider webs, and the improved system of agriculture, which the wide awake Israelite immigrants have already introduced will give them business.

Writing to the Bradford *Star* from days since, Frank King says One can scarcely pick up a newspaper now a days without seeing some reference to Mrs. Lease, complimentary I am proud to say, and your paper is no exception here, but what some of your readers do not know perhaps is that the gifted lady is a native of McKean county She is the daughter of Joseph Clynes, who used to live on King's Run, a few miles from Ceres Her father was a gallant Union soldier, who died a prisoner of war at Andersonville. She also had a brother Pat Clynes, who was a member of Company I, of the old Bucktails, and was killed at Fredericksburg in December 1862. I do not know whether any of the family are now in McKean county but they are all well known and well spoken of in and around Ceres. Mrs. Lease is an able orator at Decoration Day celebrations.

—In keeping with the course pursued by the *Democrat* for the past few months, its editor charges us with distorting facts in reporting the remark of Mr McElhiney, on the night of the Democratic jubilee So far from distorting facts, it would require a person of very strong imagination to construe his words other than we did. He did not even mention the *Reporter*, but did speak of the yeoman "service performed by the Democratic paper published in this town," and commended the course of its editor "Mr Samuel R. Lindsey" So far as the balance of our report is concerned, it may have been too able, viewed from a bigoted democratic standpoint, nevertheless it was the worst attempt at a celebration that we ever saw as has been admitted to us by some of our leading democratic citizens, and which the editor of the *Democrat* knows to be true. It seems to us that it is about time to put an end to deception on the part of our down town contemporary.

—Stickney, Ritchie & Co's. advertisement changes this week. Everybody should read it.

town on Saturday last.

Mrs. Salvage, of Duke Centre, made Smethport a brief visit Monday.

Elisha K. Kane, of Kane, had business at the county seat Saturday.

Mrs. Helen S. Morrison and daughter Mamie, were in Bradford Wednesday

Representative-elect, H. H. North, of Bradford, was at the county seat on Tuesday

Mrs. J E Matson and Mrs. A. J. Emerson of Olean, were guests in Smethport on Monday

Mrs James McKean, who has been visiting friends in Bradford, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Maud Flinchbaugh, of Derrick City, has been visiting Smethport friends during the past week.

Handsome Bob King, of Smethport, is also a witness at court this week.—*Coudersport Enterprise*

Sheriff Walter Grubb and District Attorney Boston were in Bradford on Thursday of last week

Miss Lee Knapp, a very efficient teacher in our graded school, spent Sunday last, with friends in Bradford

Mesdames W. J. Davis and A. Kornwell, of Port Allegany were calling on Smethport friends on Saturday last

A Degroarder formerly of this place now of Glen Hazel, was shaking hands with Smethport friends the latter part of last week

Born to Mr and Mrs J. W. Baker at Kane a son The many friends of Mr and Mrs Baker in Smethport send congratulations

Louis V. Harm of Buffalo, and Fred T Harm of Duluth Minn were in attendance at the funeral of their mother on Wednesday

Ed McCoy was among the many representatives from Mt. Jewett at the Crossmire examination at the court house on Saturday last

A. F. Cummings the hustling Staur store agent of Johnsonburg was in town several days the past week the guest of S. N. Taylor of the Grand Central

Florence Stiegel Johnsonburg's enterprising tailor was mingling among his Smethport customers this week He reports business booming in his town

W H Eckard, of Smethport was a brief and pleasant caller at this office Friday Mr Eckard is the well known hustling stock man of Smethport *Reporter*

Attorney W. J. Milliken of Kendall, was hustling about town Tuesday Mr Milliken has a host of friends at the county seat who are always pleased to see him

Mr Wesley Gifford has just presented his wife with a handsome Smith and Barnes upright piano, one of the finest made It was purchased from that sterling agent Mr C A Burdick of this place

Pearl Engel who has been very sick with typhoid fever for the past six weeks is so far recovered as to be able to sit up and will soon be about again This will be good news for her little companions, with whom she is a general favorite

Rev E. E. Helms, pastor of the M E church delivered his lecture, "That Young Man Tiger," to an appreciative audience at Port Allegany on Wednesday On Sunday next Rev Helms will occupy the pulpit of the M E church at Bradford

We understand Fred T King has resigned his position as manager of the Kane general store the same to take effect the 1st of the coming month *Mt Jewett Herald* Fred has many warm friends in Smethport who will wish him success in his future undertakings

Mr J D Sonbergh of Clermont was a brief caller at this office Wednesday Since the recent unpleasant episode in Mr Sonbergh's otherwise unblemished career he is selling the celebrated "Whirlpool washer" and is having fair success The hand of friendship is every where being extended him and he has the necessary courage to bring him out on top of the heap.—*Port Allegany Reporter*

Smith of Pike.

Gossip in the Harrisburg *Telegraph* tells the following good one about a brother of Lawyer Sam Smith of Port Allegany We believe the former Pike county member is not now alive Gossip says

Some years ago there was a gentleman named Smith, who represented Pike county in the House of Representatives. He was a very large man, and the chairs furnished the Representatives were much too small for him. Smith used the small chair at his desk for several days, and then determined that he would get something that was a better fit He hunted through the committee rooms, but found nothing to suit him and then he strolled over into the Senate. The first thing his eyes struck was a large comfortable looking chair on the back of which was carved "S of P," meaning the State of Pennsylvania. Here, boy said Smith to a page, take this chair over to the House and put it at my desk' As the page was about to carry out the order Senate Librarian Delaney happened along Where are you taking that chair" asked Delaney "Over to the House, said the boy Well, you won't do anything of the kind. It belongs here", said the now wrathy Delaney It belongs here does it? said Smith, "there's where you are all wrong, my friend It is my chair See here, plain as day, S. of P Do you know what that means" Smith, of Pike, and that proves that it's my chair And the genial librarian was so dumbfounded that he let the chair go."

The wind from the north blows sharp and keen and bad effects of colds are seen One Minute Cough Cure so safe and sure will quickly perform a wonder cure

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The laws of health are taught in the schools, but not in a way to be of much practical benefit and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might be readily done If some scholar who has just contracted a cold was brought before the school so that all could hear the dry loud cough and and know its significance see the thin watery discharge from the nose, and see the profuse watery expectorations, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should be given Chamberlain's cough remedy freely that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days or at least greatly mitigated when treated as soon as the first symptoms appear This remedy is famous for its cures of coughs, colds and croup It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and most reliable medicine known for the purpose 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

Nothing so distressing as a hacking cough. Nothing so foolish as to suffer from it. Nothing so dangerous if allowed to continue. One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief.

Lane's Family Medicine Moves the Bowels Each day. Most people need to use it.

After being arraigned before the Justice, at his office, the case was adjourned to the court house, where a large crowd had assembled. Eugene Mullin, Esq., acted as counsel for the prisoner and District Attorney Boston appeared for the Commonwealth. Judge Morrison occupied a seat on the bench by the side of Justice Ford, and took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Daniel Crossmire, the venerable father-in-law of the murdered woman, was the first witness called, and told substantially the same story as that given before the Coroner's jury at the inquest. Several residents of Mt. Jewett were examined concerning the prisoner's conduct towards his mother, his absence from and return to Mt. Jewett, at an early hour on the morning following the murder, etc. Dr Freeman also testified as to the condition of the body of the woman as he found it in his post-mortem examination and demonstrated the fact that the victim had been choked to death

At the conclusion of the evidence Justice Ford directed that the prisoner be committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the next term of court.

During the hearing the prisoner was seated near the railing, facing the Judge's desk and appeared entirely unconcerned. He is about six feet tall broad shouldered and muscular and has every appearance of an athlete He sat throughout the examination with an immovable face and without once changing color and while he gazed intently at the witnesses as they were examined he was far from being at ease He was nervous and his efforts to maintain a calm exterior did not pass altogether unobserved, nevertheless he played well the part he had assumed that of supreme indifference

The Bradford *Era* of Monday morning published an interview had with Ralph Crossmire in which he states that his mother was killed by a peddler for revenge, and says, I will not say who the peddler is, but I know It will all come out some day"

The atrocious manner of Mrs. Crossmire's death, and the suspicion which attaches to her son in connection with the case have intensified the interest and attracted universal attention It is being discussed throughout the country as a most horrible and unnatural crime

Gentlemen of the Jury

Following is a list of jurors drawn for a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held at the court house in the borough of Smethport, commencing Monday December 12th, 1892

GRAND JURORS.

Avery Jerry Eldred borough
Barnes Patrick—Liberty twp
Barlow, J S—Bradford.
Blair F N—Bradford
Butler Walter Ceres twp.
Cochran John Bradford.
Crane J H Foster twp.
Copeland Samuel Bradford.
Freeman J C Keating twp
Dalrymple, E P—Port Allegany
Flynn, J W—Duke Centre.
Gallup J D—State Line
Hooley James—Annin twp.
Halsey Eugene—Keating twp
Kempton G W Duke Centre
Kelsey W H Port Allegany
Long Miles—Eldred borough
Livermore, George—Kane boro
Mosher B D—Foster twp
Plaski, Nicholas—Bradford
Pratt, H B—New City
Penhollow Gust—Hamlin twp
Roby Andrew—Smethport borough
Wright D M—Norwich twp

PETIT JURORS.

Arbuer Philo—Kendall Creek
Adams, Campbell—Otto twp
Anderson John Wetmore twp
Barnes D A—Bradford
Brown F F—Eldred
Bell William W—Bradford
Burns James—Bradford twp
Bishop C W—Port Allegany
Bell Aaron—Wetmore twp
Bailey F W—Foster twp
Campbell R M—Bradford
Carter F O—Bradford
Camp, F P Port Allegany
DeWolfe, James—Foster twp
Ellis Gideon—Otto twp
Fisher John Bradford
Fischer George—Duke Centre
Fuller H C Bradford twp
Gardner John—Smethport
Groves, S A—Bradford
Griffith, W J Kane
Hubbard Wm—Otto twp
Hall Willis—Hamilton
Johnson, Frank—Kinzua
Jones C C—Wetmore twp
Kelley, D F—Eldred twp
Keller Thomas Kane
Keiser David Bradford

Hobby Styles.

Kasselton, Hubert—Bradford
Kershner D—Port Allegany
King, John—Keating twp
Lamon, Thomas Sergeant twp
Maxwell, J W Hamilton twp
McAuliffe John—Eldred twp
Marshall John—Bradford
Morris, Chas W—Bradford twp
Mott Geo. H—Kane
Patterson, Archie—Bradford
Powell, C E—Keating twp
Patterson, Joseph—Smethport
Raymond, F H—Ceres
Reardon, John—Hamilton twp
Stevenson, John—Smethport
Sullivan, Daniel—Sergeant twp
Staats, S E—Annin twp
Simonds, D J—Port Allegany
Shreve, H L—Lafayette twp
Taylor George—Annin twp
Vanderhoof V E—Port Allegany
Whitney H P—Bradford

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J B Wilson, 371 Clay St. Sharpsburg, Pa says he will not do without Dr King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with pneumonia after an attack of "la grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good Robert Barber of Cooksport, Pa. claims Dr King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for lung trouble Nothing like it. Try it. Free trial bottle at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store Large bottles, 50c, and $1 00

Headache is the direct result of indigestion and stomach disorders. Remedy these by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers and your headache disappears The favorite little pills everywhere.

I Have Taken Several

Bottles of Bradfield's Female Regulator for falling of the womb and other diseases combined of 16 years standing and *I really believe I am cured entirely* for which please accept my thanks. Mrs. W. R. Stebbins, Ridge, Ga. Sold by A B. Armstrong.

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"Richard and his sweetheart Nell," song and chorus, quarto, sent free to any address by Studebaker Bros. Mfg Co., South Bend, Ind, on receipt of a 2c. stamp for postage and mailing. The verses relate the story of a drive taken by Richard and Nell. The title page has an elegant picture, specially designed by the artist, Gray Parker, showing Richard and his sweetheart about starting out on their memorable drive. The words, of course, constitute a love story. The share in it of the Studebakers is merely incidental. The melody is delightful, and was composed for the words by the well-known musical writer, W. F. Smith.

ELDRED

F. M. Smith visited Smethport Saturday.

The first sleigh-bells of the season Monday.

A new boy has arrived at the house of Frank Knapp.

Barden's new brick store will soon be ready for the roof.

The infant child of William Glover died Sunday afternoon.

Crandmeyer's new store is starting off in vigorous shape.

Miss Maud Pepper, of Emporium, visited Eldred friends last week.

Mrs. T. C. Riley and daughter Edith, visited friends in Austin last week.

Walt Crowley took in the big foot ball match at Allegany Thanksgiving day.

Peter Davis, of Marshburg, is enjoying a vacation at the Central these days

W. H. Dodd, the clothier, has been in New York this week looking after new stock

Master Will Dornberg, of Buffalo is a been the guest of his boy friends here for a week

Miss Eliza Jewell and Miss Myrtle Tompkins, of Wellsville, visited friends in E last week.

W. D. Butterworth departed for his home in Coudersport last Saturday, after several weeks stay in Eldred.

Miss Millie Nichols, who has been attending school at Allegany this fall, came home to spend the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr and Mrs. Chamberlain of Olean were guests at the residence of their daughter Mrs. Case, at this place last week.

Mr and Mrs. George Olmstead of Coudersport took Thanksgiving dinner in Eldred at the residence of H. L. Arp

Postmaster Gould of Emporium accompanied by his daughters, Misses Jennie and May, ate turkey in Eldred with the family of A. D. Gould.

The Eldred Hook and Ladder Company will meet at the hose house this Saturday to make arrangements for the improvement of the organization.

Rev J J Berger of the Baptist church conducted the Thanksgiving services at the M. E. Church and quite an elaborate programme was carried out.

The employees of Waterman's mill were enabled to return thanks in earnest as [illegible] Smith the foreman presented each of them with a nice fat turkey for dinner

A big time was had at the rink last Wednesday evening, when a hurdle race was enjoyed by the patrons. The prizes were a [illegible] and they were plentifully distributed among the contestants.

Rev E. H Latimer the newly appointed Presiding Elder of the Methodist church occupied that pulpit at this place last Sunday morning and evening A large congregation listened to him on both occasions

The Kittie Rhoades Co which has been playing in the neighboring towns for some time past, arrived in town last Saturday in ruins, Dodd Bros having put up their baggage in the last town for expenses. A big [illegible] enabled them to get out bills for a show that evening but when the afternoon train arrived the star and a couple of others eloped and the balance of the company could give no show as the next train south carried them away and [illegible] people were disappointed."

For several years the Heath Brothers have conducted a dance at this place on Thanksgiving, usually a most pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed, but this year owing to bad roads weather etc the pleasure was all there but the finances that is enough to make it interesting, were absent, as only some twenty five numbers were sold. But Hays says they had a rattling good time, if it did cost him $3 to meet expenses and Elmer had to walk home to Smethport the next day and they both had to go without their supper

KANE

Bad weather for the brick layers these days

The limited snow is well utilized by our many owners of horses.

E. J Collins and his large [illegible] claim to have the car of Harrity

The only ones in Kane who have serious apprehensions are the post office aspirants.

A series of mishaps on the K. C. & K. R. R. this week no injuries to trainmen [illegible]

A. Y Jones of the Renovo Hotel was in Kane Friday of last week attending the funeral of R M Campbell

The completion of two business blocks in Kane depend much on the condition of the weather for several weeks

S. S. Allis is busy making many changes in the Mountain House which he has opened as a boarding house having succeeded Mrs. [illegible] whose reputation is second to none

Howells & Moffit started their clothes pin factory on Monday having added some new machinery and an immense stock of logs, an extra number of hands are now employed

The Odd Fellows were the largest in number of any of the orders that attended Mr Campbell's funeral. The Masons and [illegible] men were largely represented The floral tribute the gift of the G. A. R. Post of Kane was very fine

Born On Friday last, to Mr and Mrs Morton Jackson a son. On Sunday on the Smethport road, to Mr and Mrs. Oscar Johnson, a son At 126 Hayard street, on Sunday a son to Mr and Mrs. John Baker We are smoking square timber cigars on the latter event.

Robt. Holger and Olive Metz not having due regard for the injunctions of the 17 year old daughter's parents, left Kane the day previous to Thanksgiving and sought the aid of a friend Rev. Haywood Irvine, at Jamestown, N. Y who married them They failed to return to Kane but are at Halton, Elk county to receive the parental blessing and forgiveness for sneaking away

A bold and daring robbery was committed by persons Monday night who gained an entrance through a rear window to the store of Goodman & Phillips in the Kemp block They succeeded in carrying away between four or five hundred dollars worth of goods, watches jewelry clothing and ladies fine shoes. No clue to the robbers, except a slight one which is being followed by Policeman Laird and ex-chief Looker

With a mind chock full of something and a stomach as hollow for want of a Thanksgiving turkey as Longshore's snare from we repaired to the M E church for consolation and got it though principally in a very animated and an moving courtship that was being carried on in the pew in front of a friend and the writer The boys appeared in their best to compensate for the respect they assumed every during song and prayer service

MT ALTON

Mark Harlie has been quite ill the past week.

L. J. [illegible] our great hunter has killed four deer already

District Attorney Boston of Smethport was in our town last week

T. F Newton of Lafayette is quite ill again and is attended by Dr Ward

Mrs. Rose Burlingame went to Bradford last Wednesday evening to visit friends.

Mrs. Barber who has been quite ill with typhoid fever is slowly getting better

Johnny Hilton, who has been attending school at Lima N. Y., is home for a vacation

Mrs. Ella Kreege who has been visiting her brother at Helvetia for some weeks returned to her home last Tuesday

Miss Martha Taylor who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs A. Keeslar for the past week returned to her home in Smethport Sunday

Mike Flaharty did not think much of West Virginia, he returned last Friday thinking there is no place like home, if it is Mt. Alton.

We notice since election, that quite a number of our citizens have [illegible] mustaches can it be the result of election had anything to do with it.

The dance given at the I. O. O. F. hall last Wednesday evening by Messrs Foster and Hy [illegible] was a success socially but not enough present to make it so financially

The many friends of Rev and Mrs. Hann will be glad to learn they are comfortably settled in the new parsonage at [illegible] like their work very much and that Mrs. Hann's health is improving.

Johnny Quinn who has been in Dr Freeman's Sanitarium the past month is home on a visit. That toe that was cut off is growing on and in a short time will be none the worse for dissolving partnership so unceremoniously

The Italians on the R. & P. Extension were on a strike last Saturday In the evening a pay car was run in and the troop paid off They looked like a small army, and we were glad when they had pocketed their money and left to their own haunts

Our town comes in for a little interest in the Crossmire tragedy the young man now in jail on suspicion, came to this place quite late Saturday evening went to McGraw's meat market, bought something to eat, was next seen at Kinderville Junction, where he spent most of the night with Jesse Robinson, the operator, and towards morning jumped a freight going towards Mt. Jewett

The funeral of Wesley Camp took place Wednesday afternoon and was attended by many sorrowing relatives, friends and school mates. Rev Getman conducted the services which were impressive he dwelt upon the facts that four weeks previous Wesley came to prayer meeting and in the course of the meeting, arose saying "I came here to night, to give my heart to Jesus." He looked for him the following Wednesday evening prayer meeting and learned he was ill with typhoid fever Wesley attended meeting no more but what consolation to his parents, brothers and sisters to know he is safe in the arms of Jesus and though he cannot return to them they can go to him. The remains were interred in Lafayette cemetery Miss Ella McGraw and school presented a beautiful floral pillow in token of the high esteem entertained for their departed pupil and fellow worker

DUKE CENTRE.

Mr and Mrs. R. J Walker drove to Bradford last Friday afternoon

W. H George left last Friday for the eastern part of the State to work on the new Pipe Line.

James Clement Ambrose, of Chicago, gave three lectures in the M E. Church Monday Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

F. T. McEvoy arrived in town the day before Thanksgiving from Youngstown Ohio and remained until Monday of this week

Mr and Mrs. J. M. Sloan and children, of Bradford, spent Thanksgiving up Pendford Road, with J. W. Sarycock's family

Charlie Duke and D. S. Pelton returned home last Saturday from their weeks hunt, bringing one deer with them which was shot by Charlie.

Hon. W. E. Burdick spent last Friday night in Duke, having just returned from Buffalo, where he spent Thanksgiving with his father and sister.

Mrs. Mathews and granddaughter, Miss Hay McElwaine, of Bradford, spent Thanksgiving and the rest of the week in town as the guests of Mr. DeFranco's.

Dr G. W. Weaver has left Duke for good. He located at Hickoryville, Clarion county, Pa., in a good territory for the practice of his profession. We wish him success.

The Local Teachers' Institute, for this township, will hold their monthly session Sat-day, and received a [illegible] as rare [illegible] chest and lungs. He was so fastened that M. H Thompson had not been near, Mr. Daley, in all probability, would have been killed.

A Berean Circle, for the purpose of studying the bible, was organized last Saturday evening at the M. E. parsonage, with Rev. G. A. Reed, President, Mrs. J. H Williams, Vice President; Miss Cara Sullivan, Recorder They propose meeting once a week, on Monday evenings.

CERES.

Mrs. L. J Austin visited in Olean Tuesday.

Miss Bertha Harris passed Thanksgiving in Olean.

Mr and Mrs. R. D. Miller are visiting in Ceneseraga, N. Y.

Geo. Holly, of Olean, passed Sunday with his mother, Mrs Amelia Holly.

L. C. Carrier is near Smethport looking up lumber for Wright, Clark & Co.

E. G. McGraw has added to his interests on the Run by purchasing the Hicks farm.

T. D. Washburn is visiting the near by farmers, accompanied by his faithful bay horse

Joe Bridges is lying at that the point of death at the Central Hotel from a paralytic stroke.

J. W. Miller returned Saturday from an extended visit with friends in Canoderaga, N Y

Mrs. K Simons passed Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Smith in Allentown, N Y

Reuben Brown, of Oil City, formally a resident of this place, is renewing old acquaintances here

Irving Case, who is attending school at Alfred, N Y passed Thanksgiving with his parents here

Miss Hattie Richardson of Haskel Flats, was a guest at Nelson Peabody's the latter part of the week

The Y P S. C E, gave a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday in the church parlors which netted them over $25.

Miss Mary Cowles, who has been a guest at A Kimball's returned to her home Monday morning in Wellsville N Y

H. S. Hastings, of Bradford Pa., a director of the new railroad was in town last week in the interests of the new company.

Mrs J B Almy late Bridgman has after her house [illegible] and will occupy the house of G. B. Almy lately purchased by them

F. H Call has a long and strong petition for the post office and expects through his popularity and former record as postmaster to a [illegible] it.

The Kings Daughters No. 1 gave a large reception Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. C. B. Roberts the occasion being the annexation of K. of D. No. 2 which now makes a very strong society of Kings Daughters for a small place. Much merriment was provoked during the evening by the awarding of prizes. City Henry received a beautiful prize of a hand-some painted blotter for threading the most needles in a certain length of time Rev M. M. Kelley a tin horn for [illegible] threading anything Mrs E. M. Kelly took the prize for driving the most nails in straight in five minutes and Miss Harris took the booby prize for breaking the record on driving them crooked

KENDALL CREEK

J. J McCarty is in Titusville

Miss Anna Boyd of Sawyer was in town last Saturday

J Q Field is attending to business affairs in Cleveland O

Raymond McKinney was in Big shanty on Saturday last.

Arthur Denman of New City, spent Thanksgiving with his parents

A little son has arrived at the home of J Buchanan on Main street.

Mr J Wooley and wife spent Thanksgiving with friends in Jamestown

George Benjamin whose hand was badly injured a few weeks ago, is improving rapidly

The remains of Mrs H Dillon were taken Saturday to Erie where interment will be made

Mrs. Quimby of Albany, N. Y., who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Richard Hunt has returned home

On Saturday evening next the Presbyterian Aid Society will give a [illegible] social at Tromp's hall

Mrs. N Smith will return Monday to Columbus Ohio where she will resume her studies at the Art School

Master Clyde Comfort who has been visiting friends in Titusville during the past week has returned home

Mrs E S Bacon Miss Beulah and Master Fred have returned from a visit to relatives in Washington D. C.

John Artley, formally of this place, now of Washington Pa. is visiting his parents Mr and Mrs J. Artley

Mrs A F Brandon who has been the guest of Mrs C. H McKinney left for her home in Allentown on Wednesday

Miss Myrtle Mayhew delightfully entertained a party of her young friends, on Tuesday evening at her home on Cornen St.

Charles Sherman formerly of this place now of Johnsonburg, spent Thanksgiving with his uncle F R Sherman and family

Mr and Mrs J K Mitchell and Miss Jeanie have returned from Richburg where they spent Thanksgiving with Mr Mitchell's father

PORT ALLEGANY

The sleighing Monday afternoon was enjoyed by many

Dr O. T. Little was at Liberty on professional business last Saturday

Mr Fred Larrabee spent Thanksgiving with his parents in Roulette Pa.

A number of dwelling houses will be built on the Benton farm next spring

Attorney O. L. Snyder of Buffalo N. Y. was in town the first of the week

Miss Nina Hamman has been visiting with friends in Coudersport last week

Dr F. F. Watts of Olean N. Y. was in town on professional business last Monday

Miss Emma Weber of Buffalo is visiting with her brother George Weber in this place

Mr Nolan from over the river buried his little daughter in Fairview cemetery last Sunday

Mr John Godding who has been on the sick list for a few days is able to get to his office again

It is rumored that C. R. Hard will build a beautiful residence on his Maple street lot next spring

J. J. Carling had a fine mare and colt killed on the railroad a short distance from town on Thursday

Wanted some good energetic man or lady to start a normal or business college in the Benton mansion It is a beautiful location high and dry, good water and everything convenient for a good school

Mr A M Sohlen who has been spending a few weeks in the Potter county woods working on one end of a cross cut saw is home on a vacation which will probably last for some time Mr Sohlen is a professional jewler and should follow his calling

COLEGROVE

Mr and Mrs. Allie Colegrove are the happy parents of an eight pound girl baby

Mr Brown, the blind vocalist and organist, has given two concerts in Crosby lately

Henry Sheldon of Warren Pa. is now visiting relatives in this place and appears to be much better in health

Delia Burlingame of [illegible]ville Pa. came to Colegrove last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Emily Colegrove, also a test sister

Mrs Russel Carter is recovering from attack of typhoid fever but as she is somewhat advanced in years and not very strong her recovery to full strength is uncertain

The funeral of Mrs Emily Colegrove was held in the Union Church on last Saturday afternoon, after which the body was interred in the cemetery at this place Mrs. Colegrove's death was caused by typhoid fever A large number of relatives friends will miss her kind and pleasant presence with them Mrs. Colegrove was a very exemplary christian and devoted to her family

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears

For fine tobacco, cigars etc go to Emil Thamm's

—Take a look at Gleason & Lemmler's stock of blankets etc

In Indianapolis the furnishing stores darn the stockings of their customers free

Think of it! Single harnesses from eight dollars up, at Gleason and Lemmler's.

A Pennsylvania woman wagered $5 that she could make a pumpkin pie in five minutes She did it in four

A man always knows what he would have done in another fellows place but the other fellow doesn't always believe it

Itch on human and horses and all animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails Sold by A B Armstrong Druggist Smethport Pa

Something new in the line of collars. Gleason & Lemmler have just received what is termed a cork collar Call in and examine it before purchasing elsewhere

A farm house in Western Pennsylvania caught fire and there being no water handy the owner utilized three barrels of cider in quenching the flames.

For pains in the stomach, colic and cholera morbus there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Colic, cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy For sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist

It always flatters a man to call him Colonel. Many men who cannot be managed in any other way, can be managed if you call them Colonel Wives remember this.

A son of Mr. M D. Prusor, a merchant of Gibraltar, N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more as to be unable to work or go to school His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. 50 cent bottles for sale by A. B. Armstrong, Druggist.

once.

—"Piles of people have piles," but De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve will cure them. Sold by A. B. Armstrong.

Notice.

I sell the celebrated Pillsbury's Best Flour; every sack warranted. Try it and if not good, or better than any flour manufactured, will take it back. No charge for what you use.

C. E. BARRETT.

The Bazaar

NOW REDUCTIONS!

CLOAKS, CLOAKS,

Some of the Magnets Which Attract the Crowds.

It is usually customary to make sweeping reductions in cloaks in January. We shall not wait till then, when nearly everybody is supplied with wraps and jackets but right now in season we shall inaugurate one of the greatest reduction sales in cloaks and dress goods ever attempted in this city Don't put off a day but come at once to the largest dry goods store and buy your winter garment.

Ladies', Misses', and Children's Coats,

all reduced, every garment has been remarked A reduction of $1 to $10 on most any garment. Children's long coat were $4, now $2 75, our $5 line at $4, our $6 line at $4 75, our $7 50 line at $6 our $9 line at $7 25

Ladies jackets reduced like this Our 4. 50 line at $3 50, our $6 line at $4 75 our $7 50 line at $6, our $12 50 qualities at $10, our $15 assortment at $12 and so on Every garment shows a bona fide reduction 1$ to $3. We could go on and mention hundreds, but it isn't necessary Come and see, that's better

NOTICE.—Our grand Holiday Opening" takes place Thursday evening, Dec 8th On and after that date our store will open evenings. Watch for the opening We carry a large line of Holiday Goods

THE BAZAAR,

Prof. C C Hard,

Of New York having located in Smethport any one desiring his services as teacher in the most thorough methods of vocal and instrumental music will please call on or address him at the Grand Central Hotel.

Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Smethport Odd Fellows Hall Association will be held Wednesday, December 28d, 1892, in Odd Fellows Hall at 1 o'clock p. m., for the election of Directors of said association to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be done according to law The books for the transfer of stock will be closed two weeks before the meeting and remain closed for two weeks after

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H M CHOATE Secretary

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Prescriptions Carefully Compounded.

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Repairing, Mending Making the Lungs and Worn Out New.

HOP BALSAM is composed of fresh hops and the best gums, balsams and expectorants known producing a refreshing sleep and when the mind is at repose, the heart is at rest, and heals the body. The healthful and demulcent properties of the hop are well known Hop Balsam will cure Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Sore Throat, Consumption, Bronchitis, and all Pulmonary Complaints. It is a vast remedy [illegible] the BALSAM is when [illegible] for themselves and children. It cures when cure is possible. Try it.

IT CURES the most stubborn cases, when all other remedies have failed.

IT ALLAYS the racking pain; relieves the sufferer from that terrible Cough when cure is in the balance.

If you are troubled with Lung or Pulmonary complaints you should take Hop Balsam

Get a Large bottle for 35 cents. | Get a free sample at your druggists.

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SMETHPORT, PA.

The following first-class companies represented.

North America, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Franklin, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Pennsylvania Fire, Philadelphia	[illegible]
County, Philadelphia	[illegible]
Hanover, New York	[illegible]
Sun, Fire, London, U. S. Branch	[illegible]
Royal, London	[illegible]
Commercial Union, London	[illegible]

LIFE INSURANCE.

Mutual Life, New York	[illegible]
Travelers Accident, Hartford	[illegible]

Also agency for the sale of first-class

Pianos, Organs

BANJOS

—AND—

SEWING MACHINES.

All sold for cash or on installments. Orders by mail promptly attended to and correspondence solicited.

It has also been clearly demonstrated

"IT PAYS TO SELL FOR CASH."

There facts have been taught me by the best of all teachers, "EXPERIENCE."

I cannot afford to make my customers pay for a whole page of advertising in this valuable paper, so will speak my little piece in a one column ad., which I trust is sufficient to point the public in the right direction to

SAVE -:- MONEY

By Buying for Cash at

D. C. YOUNG'S.

I have recently spent several days in New York carefully considering the wants of my many customers. I have now in stock a complete variety of articles, both useful and ornamental, suitable for

HOLIDAY PRESENTS,

for a man, woman or child.

I will for the next 365 days, commencing to day, Dec. 1st, 1892, give a genuine bargain for every $1, $5, $10 or $15 purchase made at my store Remember this opportunity remains open for one year at least, subject to change for the better without further notice, No samples on exhibition, but the genuine articles. We continue to show goods regardless of trouble,

I have already had a call from Santa Claus, and am now ready for a call from you. I also have a

CROCKERY DEPARTMENT

and keep the best Respectfully

D. C. YOUNG,

Smethport, Pa, Dec, 1892 Cor Main and Union Sts.

STCKNEY, RITCHIE & CO.

The balance of our Ladie's, Misses' and Childrens' wraps will be sold from this date at a big reduction.

We have a line of Misses' and Children's Jackets in pretty diagonals to offer at the low price of 2.77 cents each—ranging from 8 to 14 years of age

Our holiday goods will be open the first week of December It is useless to try to enumerate all the pretty articles we will have and we invite you to call and inspect our stock

DO NOT FORGET THIS!

For the next two months, ending January 26th, 1893, we give to every purchaser of one dollar—remember only one dollar's worth of our goods—we give a handsome ¾ life size crayon portrait of yourself or any member of your family.

Just received, a handsome line of Gent's House Slippers in wine color, nut brown, and black, in the leather, also a beautiful line of embroidered plush slippers. Prices from $1 00 to $3 00

Call and examine our prices before purchasing elsewhere.

No Trouble to Show Goods.

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NEW GOODS AND LOWER PRICES

—AT—

Mrs. T. D. NASH'S,

FOR THE FALL AND WINTER OF 1892 AND 1893.

We are not sure that advertising at this particular time will increase our business, as trade has been most excellent so far this fall, yet we desire to say that our stock of DRESS GOODS will compare favorably with any stock in this or any other market as to style, quality or price.

Ladies' and children's Underwear, Fascinators, Hoods, Hosiery, etc., etc.

Corsets, Fine Linens, Doylies, Draperies and Curtains. All kinds of Buttons Gloves and other notions.

We have a complete line of

MILLINERY,

trimmed in the latest styles, at lowest prices, and as our trimmer, Miss Salisbury is from the well known millinery house of Sullivan, Drew & Co., 600 Broadway, N. Y., we guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor us with their patronage.

We will continue our Special Sale of Remnants to the close of the season,

Mrs. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, Pa., Nov. 17, 1892

[illegible] by a mineral product. Grows mustache and whiskers. Cures Dandruff permanently, stops hair falling out. It is readily absorbed and its use will leave no greasy after-effect. Satisfaction guaranteed. Sold by all druggists. 50 cents per bottle, two bottles direct, express prepaid, on receipt of price. Put on the trade only by the

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A SPECIAL CONTRACT enables us to [illegible] THE MINER for one year

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On and after April 15, 1892 the undersigned will give every cash customer trading at his store to the amount of $25 [illegible] their choice of one of the following beautiful articles of Silverware free of charge:

Silver Plated Sugar Bowl	Silver Plated Pickle Dish
Silver Plated Butter Dish	Set Silver Plated Knives
Silver Plated Cream Pitcher	Set Silver Plated Forks
Silver Plated Spoon Holder	

And an article for each $[illegible] [illegible] months to one year, thus [illegible] a chance to secure a whole set of Silverware without [illegible] a penny. All goods are sold as cheap as the market will allow. Remember the place, corner of Mechanic and Mill streets.

P. D. HOPKINS,

Smethport, Pa., April 11, 1892.

At the Furniture and Carpet Store:

New Furniture,
New Carpets,
New Wall Paper,
New Window Shades,
[illegible]
Baby Carriages.

Goods and prices to suit [illegible] styles [illegible]

Goods and Prices to Suit Everybody

Furniture and Carpet Co

A. [illegible] Manager [illegible]

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MERCHANT -:- TAILOR,

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SMETHPORT, PA

Keeps an assortment of [illegible] goods [illegible] from which [illegible] will be made up in the [illegible] Styles and [illegible]

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[illegible] Frank [illegible], Alonzo J. [illegible], Adolph B. [illegible], as Administrators, etc., of Austin W. [illegible], deceased, [illegible], R. C. [illegible], Walter A. Johnston, [illegible], Defendants.

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale rendered herein on the 20th day of July, 1892, and duly entered in Allegany County Clerk's office on the 4th day of August, 1892, and also pursuant to a decree [illegible] thereon, rendered in the Court of Common Pleas in the county of McKean, State of Pennsylvania, the 6th day of September, 1892, and entered on that day in the office of the Prothonotary of said county, I, the undersigned, David P. Richardson, the Referee duly appointed for such purpose by said judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the

20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1892,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, at the court house in the village of Belmont, county of Allegany and State of New York, the real and personal estate, property and franchises directed by said judgment to be sold and therein described as follows:—

All the railroad of the Bradford, Eldred and Cuba Railroad Company, beginning at the village of Cuba in the town of Cuba, thence through the towns of Clarksville, Wirt, Bolivar and Genesee in the county of Allegany, to a point on the southerly boundary of the State of New York on the state line between the states of New York and Pennsylvania, as well as that part of said railroad now constructed as the part thereof which shall hereafter be constructed, and all and singular the right of way of said company and the land, real estate, rails, tracks, bridges, buildings, depots, station houses, [illegible] houses, structures, [illegible] fixtures and appurtenances [illegible]

[illegible]

DAVID P. RICHARDSON, Referee

[illegible]

Notice.

[illegible]

Notice in Divorce.

[illegible]

HOTTON BROS.

W[illegible]

25 to 50 cents

[illegible]

FLOUR.

[illegible]

CHICKEN FEED

[illegible]

HOTTON BROS

[illegible]

[illegible] Keely Roofing manufactured at Pittsburgh [illegible] half the cost of shingles and will last a life time.

[illegible] $1.50

[illegible] $2.00

Any amount furnished [illegible]

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Why, the new picture cards given with
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Consumption Surely Cured.

To The Editor:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above-named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any of your readers who have consumption if they will send me their Express and P. O. address. Respectfully, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 181 Pearl St., N. Y.

IN THE LAUNDRY.

How to Iron Shirt Bosoms and Other Articles Requiring a Fine Polish.

It is presumed that the starching has been done and the shirt is ready for ironing. The following advice from Good Housekeeping will then be found useful:

A bosom board is indispensable, and the best style is that with clamps at the corners for holding the bosom firmly in place. The best covering is one of soft flannel, and if there are two or three thicknesses so much the better. It is scarcely necessary to say that everything connected with the work—irons, boards, covering, cloths—must be scrupulously clean. Plenty of salt and strong paper should be at hand, so that if necessary the iron may be quickly freed from any adhering starch.

The first stages of the work are done very much as any other articles are ironed. The best method is to iron first the neckband (which is never starched), then the sleeves, following with the back and then with the unstarched front. If the wristbands are to be polished they should have attention before the bosom is taken in hand in order that there may be no danger of injuring the latter by any later manipulations. The bosom having been put in place, and the shirt fastened in position if that be practical, it is an excellent thing to cover the bosom with a wet cloth and iron it over quickly with a very hot iron. The cloth is then removed and with an iron as hot as it can be used without danger of scorching the linen rub the bosom rapidly up and down, taking pains not to pass the iron either across or diagonally upon the fabric. As this is being [illegible] the bosom should be [illegible] if necessary.

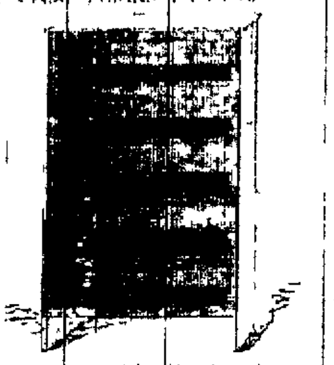
A polishing iron with a [illegible] portion is very desirable [illegible] all the energy [illegible] can be concentrated upon a small surface, bringing out readily all the gloss of the starch and the [illegible]. If unfortunately the work should be scorched so as [illegible] it should be hung in the sun [illegible] a few hours [illegible] a valuable fact not known [illegible] every member of the [illegible] Some laundresses dampen the bosom with a wet cloth before beginning to iron instead of spreading the cloth over, but the first [illegible] is much the better way.

Old Fashioned Doughnuts.

These are easily made by any one who has mastered the mysteries of making but a cake. Mix a cupful of butter with two cupfuls of sugar. Add half a cupful of water, three well beaten eggs and two tablespoonfuls of caraway seeds. Put two cupfuls of sifted flour in a sieve with a teaspoonful and a half of baking powder [illegible] other cupful of [illegible] Turn [illegible] floured board [illegible] the length of an [illegible] rather large [illegible] take them in a moderate [illegible] crisp like [illegible] New York Tribune.

French Polishing

[illegible]



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Potato Fritters

[illegible]

A New Beef Blanc Mange

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Frahnert(?) Gold Cure

[illegible]

Bradford McKean Co Pa.

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A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Chronic Sores, Fever Sores, Eczema, Itch, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it after all other treatment had failed. It is put up in 25 and 50 cent boxes.

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TEA GOWNS

Attractive and Stylish Confections in Woman's Favorite Gown

Some of the daintiest things of the season are to be found in the new tea gowns of which [illegible] gives a very characteristic example. This graceful gown is in very soft rose pink silk with undersleeves and front in white [illegible] and it is trimmed with bands of pink embroidery. The young woman of [illegible] will essay this charming gown.

Another tea gown is made with gray brocade [illegible] lined with pale pink [illegible] front composed of [illegible] pink trimmed with

A PINK SILK TEA GOWN.

[illegible] The sleeves are composed of two [illegible] plaited chiffon and the back [illegible] the ribbon and lace [illegible] arranged like a hood [illegible] huge stylish black [illegible]

A [illegible] brocade tea gown for an elderly [illegible] Watteau plait coming from [illegible] jet with bows of [illegible] ribbon bows. The front [illegible] with blouse arrangement [illegible] the waist with a jet belt [illegible] and jetted cuffs. A [illegible] the train and is caught up [illegible] with satin ribbon bows.

Evening Bodices.

[illegible] fashionable new bodices [illegible] entirely [illegible] English look about it [illegible] the waist of this and the [illegible] of pale green velvet [illegible] sleeves are full and made [illegible] worn over a white [illegible] old fashioned [illegible] Another bodice with [illegible] is made high [illegible] and tied on the shoulder with bows of the satin.

A LACE BODICE.

An evening bodice of pale pink bengaline with a [illegible] vest and graduated epaulets [illegible] edged with gold and pink gimp [illegible] admiration together with the [illegible] velvet sleeves which abound in an infinite variety and which are cut low both [illegible] and the front, lined with [illegible] embroidered with gold and iridescent beads. The old bodice is a [illegible] upon which fashion smiles [illegible]

Lace and Embroideries.

For [illegible] lace has been the favorite trimming, [illegible] still much worn both [illegible] but embroidery is very fashionable again. There are in the shops some exceedingly attractive passementeries in autumn colorings—red brown and gold being one of the favorite combinations. For evening wear there are lovely borders of gold net embroidered with a classic design in iridescent beads. Trimming [illegible] effects will be worn. Trimmings which scintillate are the desideratum of dressmakers and one which meets these requirements is a band of narrow gold or silver braid with mauve or blue paillettes, a good knot in the center and smaller paillettes between, shaped like the petal of a flower. Pearl and gold galons on tulle have like most others, straight edges and rows of satin ribbon are united by gold braid.

The Latest Fashion.

If you are really desirous of being in the latest English fashion you will at once add three or four inches to the width of your shoulders. This may be done by wearing a short cape flounce or large epaulets, arranged with much fullness on top of the sleeves. You will also broaden your chest, and have enormous lapels put on all your gowns and outdoor garments. Your sleeves should be somewhat larger than your waist—that is, if you wear a 23-inch corset. The bodices of your evening gowns will of course be made short, and cut low in order to show your shoulders. The sleeves will be fairly short and of the balloon pattern.

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GOOD HEALTH

EARACHE

Modern and Old Time Remedies for This Acute Pain

There is no more acute pain of childhood than earache. This seems often to be caused by the sensitiveness to cold air of the tender membranes within the ear and may be stopped by filling the ear with a little cotton dipped in sweet oil and warmed. If this does not give relief the New York Tribune advises a few drops of laudanum warmed by setting the bottle in hot water and added to the oil. A roasted onion is a favorite remedy with old women. If it is applied to the ear as hot as it can be borne it will relieve an obstinate case and certainly is harmless.

When the pain is very intense it is better to dip the cotton or better still a bit of wool in hot laudanum alone, put it in the ear and lay a hot bandage over it. It is a very bad practice to keep cotton in the ear any longer than is necessary, as such a habit will render the ear passages too sensitive and tender. When earache appears in a grown person and refuses to yield to simple remedies a physician should be consulted [illegible] most serious disease may begin in this way. A gathering in the head, as it is called in country parlance, is a painful and serious disease of childhood [illegible] off the hearing.

The Chloroform and Ether Question

An investigation as to the relative danger of ether and chloroform has been conducted by a committee of the German surgical congress, and some interesting statistics were given at its recent meeting. Professor Gurlt, the chairman, states that 109,250 narcoses have been observed, of which 40 terminated fatally. Of these 24,123 narcoses were by means of chloroform, the number of deaths being 25—that is a proportion of 1 to 2,911. Ether was employed in [illegible] cases with 1 death [illegible] chloroform and ether 2,001 times without a [illegible] times without a fatal termination [illegible] 2,179 times also without death [illegible] the new remedy [illegible] times with 1 death. Popular Science News says that these figures agree pretty [illegible] with those collected in this country [illegible] taken by American surgeons as to the [illegible] safety of ether.

Feeding Infants.

The first [illegible] of a healthy infant requires [illegible] milk and the amount [illegible] be very gradually increased. W. P. Wesselhoeft, in The Homeopathic Physician, [illegible] a very important point in infant feeding the manner in which the milk goes down into the child's stomach. He says:

The bottles are so constructed that the milk goes down too fast without being mixed with the saliva. Every child who sucks at the breast has to work for what it gets and the suction brings the salivary glands into operation and I fear that that is one of the great troubles in artificial feeding. The milk is ejected into the stomach and immediately ejected back again. I have always acted on the principle that a good cow is better than a wet nurse. For my own use I would much rather have a cow than a wet nurse. As regards the milk being too strong or too weak for the baby, it seems nonsense to me.

A New Style in Hairdressing

A style [illegible] favorite is to dress the hair in a large [illegible] at the nape of the neck [illegible] down the center and then to loosen as if it had been waved or crimped. Every woman cannot manage a central division, especially if the hair has been dyed or has been treated unduly with the irons. Hair is no longer dressed high at the back of the head, as smoothness and tidiness have, with many women, superseded the frizziness which for awhile was considered the mode.

A Queen's Pets on Their Travels.

It may interest boys and girls who are fond of animals to know that in recent years Queen Victoria shows a greater liking than ever for pets, especially birds of the smaller kinds. Canaries were her first favorites, but their notes proved too trying to her majesty and they have been replaced by bullfinches and linnets. These are placed in her private rooms. They travel with her always except when she goes abroad, and there is special provision made in the royal train for their comfort on the way. Some canine pets—Spot, Marco and Roe, terrier, Pomeranian and collie—also accompany the queen on her travels, going abroad with her even. They too have their special compartment in the royal train and a policeman to attend them.

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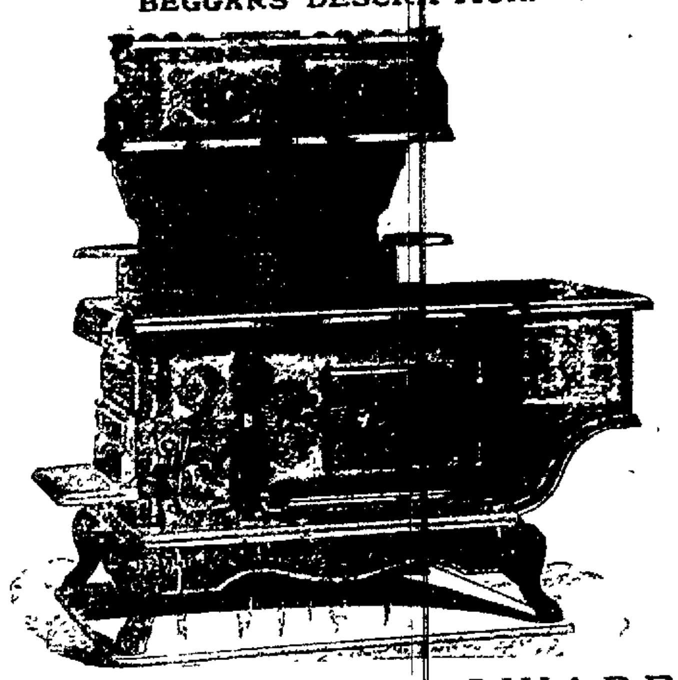

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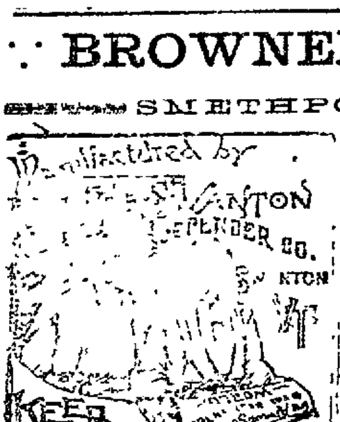

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WESTWARD		STATIONS.	EASTWARD	
p m	a m		a m	p m
5 45	11 20	ar. Bradford Jt	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kinzua Jn	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	New City	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Rixford	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Duke Centre	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Eldred	[illegible]	[illegible]
		K. E. & C. R. R.		
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ceres	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Little Genesee	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Lv. Bolivar, Ar	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allentown	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	lv Wellsville ar	[illegible]	[illegible]
p m	a m		a m	p m
[illegible]	[illegible]	ar. Bradford Jt	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kinzua Junct'n	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Aiken	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Dorts	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Simpson	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ormsby	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Smethport	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Mt. Jewett	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kane	[illegible]	[illegible]

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1 40 p. m.—Mail—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois and Punxsutawney.

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COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, July 6, 1892.

AR EASTW'D			STATIONS.	LV WESTW'D		
A. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
11 10	[illegible]	1.45	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.59	[illegible]	1.01	Pine Creek Jc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.57	7.00	12.50	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10.51	7.56	12.45	Fish Basket	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.54	12.32	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.47	Mina	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7 44	12.40	Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.40	12.25	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.22	12.21	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12 16	Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
10 00	7.20	12.11	Port Allegany	7.07	2.30	[illegible]

PINE CREEK DIVISION.

[illegible]	[illegible]	Coudersport	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pine Creek Junction	[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fair Grounds	[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ladona	[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Sweden Valley	[illegible]		[illegible]

Trains run on eastern standard time.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect May 15, 1892. TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

8.25 a. m.—Train 8, daily except Sunday, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 p. m., New York 9.35 p. m., Baltimore 6.45 p. m., Washington 8.15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car through from Williamsport and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia.

3.55 p. m.—Train 6, daily except Sunday, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4.25 a. m., New York 7.10 a. m., Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7.00 a. m.

9.10 p. m.—Train 4, daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6.50 a. m., New York 9.30 a. m., Baltimore 6.20 a. m., Washington 7.30 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Harrisburg.

WESTWARD

[illegible] a. m.—Train 1, daily except Sunday for Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations, leaves Ridgway 2.40 p. m. for Erie.

[illegible] a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and intermediate stations.

7.00 p. m.—Train 11 daily except Sunday Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS for EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 1 leaves Renovo 6.35 a. m., daily except Sunday, arriving at Emporium Jc. 8.15 a. m.

Train 11 leaves Philadelphia 8.20 a. m., Washington [illegible] Baltimore 8.45 a. m. daily except Sunday arriving at Emporium Junction 7.00 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches to Kane.

Train 3, leaves New York 8.00 p. m., Philadelphia 11.20 p. m., Washington 10.40 p. m., Baltimore 11.20 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium June. [illegible] a.m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD
Daily except Sunday

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9 40	Ridgway	11 45
9 5[illegible]	Johnsonburg	11 40
10 10	Glen Hazel	11 26
10 1[illegible]	Straight	11 16
10 2[illegible]	Instanter	11 14
10 3[illegible]	Smith's Run	11 07
10 [illegible]	Woodvale	11 06
10 [illegible]	Clermont	11 00

Connections are made with train 1, leaving Johnsonburg at 3.18 p. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 8.05 p. m. also at Ridgway with train 6, leaving Ridgway at 1.45 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

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Lodge Directory.

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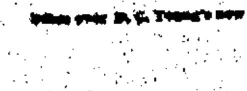

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Besieged by Cheyennes

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Satisfied there were no Indians prowling around, old Silas and Lois crept down the opposite side of the hill toward the river.

Jordan found the skiff where he kept it concealed among the rocks. He was not long in launching it, and when Lois had seated herself in the boat he handed her her father's revolver, saying:

"God bless yer, Lois, and send yer safe back!"

"He will; never fear," she answered in full faith.

Lois Gilbert was no stranger to the water. All her life her parents had lived along some stream and she had learned to handle the oars with much skill.

Silas Jordan lay on the bank for some time watching the girl as she urged the little skiff up the Arkansas.

When she was out of sight he crawled back to the cabin, where his presence might be needed at any moment.

As the skiff bore her farther away from the blockhouse a feeling of loneliness and dread crept over her.

It was strangely quiet out on the river. Only the occasional cry of some night bird along the shore, or the dismal yelps of coyotes far off on the prairies, broke the awful stillness which had succeeded the confusion of the attack on Jordan's hill.

Every stroke of the light oars carried her farther and farther away from her friends.

Finally she realized more forcibly the full danger of her position.

Every lone tree and clump of bushes that loomed up dimly on the banks on either side of her in her imagination must reveal a lurking redskin.

She kept on, however, and strove diligently to drown all thought of peril to herself in thinking of the great danger of the settlers at Jordan's should the siege be renewed with as much force as the Cheyennes had displayed in the early part of that night.

"Why should I fear?" Lois asked herself. "He is risking his life for others. Why should not I?"

The thought encouraged her, and she urged the skiff forward with all possible speed.

It was more than three miles by the river to the Gilbert shanty, but Lois made the trip without encountering any adventure worth recording.

When she stepped from the skiff, which she left at the foot of the bluffs, all her old courage seemed to return.

She did not, however, lay all precaution aside. She reconnoitered the path before her very carefully as she went toward the cave where the goods had been concealed.

She had prepared to see her sod home in ruins. Imagine her surprise when its rough dark outlines arose before her, standing undisturbed in its rocky niche.

The Indians had not yet been there, or else they had considered the rude habitation of too vast insignificance to destroy.

Reaching the little cavern up among the bluffs she displaced the rocks at the entrance with great cautiousness. Taking out the can of powder she hastily transferred it to the skiff.

With a grateful heart Lois was pushing the little boat away from the shore. Suddenly the clouds overhead parted for a moment, letting the moon pour a shower of silvery rays across the bosom of the Arkansas. The next moment a savage whoop from the opposite bank rang wildly out on the night air.

With a sudden terror Lois realized that she had been detected by a lurking redskin.

Almost immediately an arrow whizzed through the air dangerously close to the girl's head.

Filled with alarm though she was, she did not lose command of herself.

Grasping the oars firmly in her well trained hands, she pushed dauntlessly forward down the river.

If she had but one enemy to contend with she felt pretty confident of her own ability to protect herself. Her father's revolver, carefully loaded, lay by her side and she knew how to discharge it.

She dared not, however, hope for so easy an escape. It was not at all likely that the Indian who had spied her was alone.

Glancing over her shoulder as she plied the oars she caught sight of three stalwart Cheyennes running rapidly along a sand bar which extended for some distance into the stream.

Another glance sufficed to show her that they were trying to unloosen a large canoe which was partly imbedded in the heavy sand.

The canoe was one which her father had made and had been carried by the last rise of the river to the bar on the opposite side. Having no immediate use for the canoe he had not taken the time to reclaim it from where the waves had stranded it.

Little the Gilbert family, who had enjoyed many trips down the river in its rude cavity, dreamed that it would ever serve their enemies as a craft in which one of its members would be pursued.

Lois observed with a feeling of thankfulness that the Indians were floundering about in the sand, as if in a hopeless condition of getting the canoe launched.

"They're in the quicksand at the edge of the bar!" she cried to herself, shooting another glance toward her foes.

"All the better for me! I'll have a good start before they get out of that sand."

With a courageous heart Lois sent the skiff, with its doubly precious cargo, bounding like a frightened bird over the water.

Two arrows sped after her, but she was already too far from the vexed warriors, struggling on the verge of the quicksand, to prove an easy target.

A curtain of dense clouds again swept across the moon's face, rendering objects along the river dim and uncertain, and greatly increasing the vexation of the Indians.

Not for one moment did Lois Gilbert slacken the speed at which she was urging her skiff forward.

The quicksand on the bar opposite her home and where Mose Gilbert had once had an unpleasant experience might befriend her in delaying the Cheyennes for a short time, but she knew they would be able to extricate themselves and secure the canoe. All too soon they would be hurrying after her.

In the meantime, though, she put forth every effort to make as great headway as possible before the pursuit actually began.

She was not wrong in her belief that the savages would be able to free themselves from the quicksand.

She had not proceeded far around a small bend in the river when the unmistakable dip, dip of a canoe's paddles fell on her ears.

"They're really after me now in earnest," she told herself. "Well, I'm a good way ahead, and I'll try to keep that way."

Taking a deep breath, she bent to her task with renewed energy.

The little boat seemed fairly to fly along over the water, but fast as it went she could still hear the dip, dip of her enemy's paddles as they came steadily onward after her.

The moon was dimly visible now behind a mass of filmy clouds and objects were becoming faintly discernible.

Lois glanced back to ascertain if possible how near her pursuers were.

She could just make out the dull outline of the long canoe and its dusky occupants as they swept around the bend. She could not, however, estimate the distance between herself and them, though fear made it seem less than it actually was.

The sharp eyes of the Cheyennes saw the skiff with its solitary occupant far ahead of them, and uttering a chorus of savage whoops, which echoed wildly from bank to bank, they shoved the canoe forward at an impetuous rate.

Lois realized that it must be a race for life with her there on the Arkansas, where she had spent several careless afternoons in the very craft now pursuing her.

Even in that time of peril she could not help thinking of one particular afternoon in June when Lee Hutchins, mounted on his pony, had ridden along the bank as she idly floated, not far away, in the old canoe. They had conversed little, but it had left an indelible impression on her mind.

But the yells of the pursuing Indians drove her happy memory away. Shutting her lips firmly, she strove to force the skiff along with all the vigor which she was able to command.

Work as she did to keep ahead, she began to see that her foes were surely, if slowly, gaining on her.

Presently the arrows began darting after her, confirming her greatest fears that with every dip of their paddles the enemy was drawing nearer.

"I'll not give up till I have to," Lois observed to herself. "If the moon would only stay hid!"

But it showed no disposition to do so, and two or three times she was obliged to dodge the arrows of her exulting foes.

She dared not relinquish the oars a second to risk a shot from the revolver at her side. It might do no good, and would doubtless give the Indians a dangerous advance.

It was very toilsome, as well as terrifying. Great drops of sweat stood on her forehead, and the muscles of her arms ached from the unnatural strain placed upon them.

She was beginning to feel strangely weak and nerveless. And she was two miles from Jordan's; she could never reach it now. Despair seemed suddenly to have swallowed all her courage.

But she did not relax her hold upon the oars, and the race continued a little longer.

"Whiz!" an arrow came hissing through the air. It pierced a fold of her dress, but left her untouched.

The canoe was almost upon the skiff, and as the Cheyennes beheld the success of their last arrow they set up a triumphant shout.

A moment more and Lois believed her doom would be sealed.

"Pang! Pang!" came two reports in rapid succession from among the bushes on the right bank of the river.

Instantly two sharp cries of mortal agony arose from the canoe, and two of the braves with a heavy plash fell headlong into the water and were swept from view.

The remaining Cheyenne began paddling frantically for the other bank, when another broadside from the cottonwood bushes caused the canoe to capsize and left him struggling in the swift current in the middle of the stream.

Another quick report put an end to the Indian's struggles, and he found a grave with his companions.

Lois had watched this tragic play from the skiff, where she sat as one suddenly changed to stone.

Who could her deliverer be? Doubtless Silas Jordan or one of the settlers from the blockhouse, she thought.

She was soon, however, allowed to see her mistake as a manly form arose from concealment among the bushes and stood revealed in the subdued moonlight on the bank of the Arkansas.

"Lee! Lee!" she cried, unable to control herself.

"Lois, my darling!" and he stretched out his strong arms toward her.

She pushed the skiff toward him, obeying a force which she could not resist.

In another moment the young ranchman held her half fainting form to his breast and pressed his lips to her brow.

One moment of this bliss, then Lois released herself and told her lover what had brought her out on such a perilous mission.

"You are a dear, brave girl, Lois," he said tenderly as he started the skiff toward Jordan's.

"Tell me, Lee, how you happened to be here?" she asked, her face glowing from the gentle fervor of his praise.

"I warned the Plum Creek settlers and helped them fortify themselves in a large dugout. Then I started over to Jordan's," he returned.

"Oh, Lee! What made you venture alone again out on the prairies?" she cried.

"Wasn't some one at Jordan's dearer than all the world to me?" he whispered softly. "How could I stay away from you, Lois, when I knew such fearful danger threatened? I had done my duty at Plum Creek, and must return to defend the one I love."

"It was your love that saved me, Leo."

"Thank God that I was here to defend you!" he murmured. "It was sunset when I started back from Plum Creek. I had only gone about four miles when I almost rode into a little camp of Cheyennes down in a ravine. They had been slaughtering cattle and were preparing for a big supper. Before I could retreat I was seen, and three of the party gave chase. My pony was fagged out, and I knew I could never escape on it. So I abandoned the pony and ran down a deep gully, and by hiding often managed to elude my pursuers. It took me a good while to reach the Arkansas, but when I did I started as fast as I could for Silas Jordan's, where I hoped to find you safe. Suddenly I heard the redskins yell out up the river. At first I thought they had discovered my trail and were after me. I concealed myself and waited. Presently the moon came out clear enough for me to see the race between you and those villains. When I saw that the pursued one was you I feared there had been a massacre of the settlers and you had fled to the skiff for refuge. I made up my mind to save you or die with you."

"God is good," said Lois, laying a hand on Lee's shoulder.

They reached the cabin safe, but scarcely had they received the congratulations of their friends on their remarkable escape when the Cheyennes, with loud whoops, rushed forward to renew the siege.

No doubt they hoped to find the settlers drowsy and off their guard during the hours between midnight and dawn and counted on an easy victory. But the brave action of Lois Gilbert inspired those pioneers with fresh energy and courage, and the powder which she had risked so much to bring enabled them to fight back the enemy with a vehemence which was plainly a surprise to them.

Despite the obstinate resistance which the Cheyennes encountered in the settlers, they kept up the siege at intervals for several hours. Finally they withdrew to the cottonwoods, where a short conference was held; then they rode rapidly away over the prairies.

About noon the next day Mose Gilbert and a party of armed settlers arrived. They reported that the Cheyennes had crossed the river and were hurrying northward, leaving great destruction behind them.

It was some time after the events recorded in this story that the Cheyennes were forced by starvation to surrender to the troops of a fort in western Nebraska, and peace was at last restored.

Mose Gilbert found his cattle all right when the Indians were gone, but they poorly compensated for the great loss of his child, whose heart had been won by the young ranchman.

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THE END.

Glaciers.

Glaciers plunge into the sea in many cold countries and perish by drowning, their dismembered remains floating away as bergs. But their end is by dissolution where the annual mean temperature rises considerably above freezing point. At some certain level they melt faster than they can flow and so terminate. The level indeed is a fluctuating one. Icelandic glaciers are now steadily advancing. Swiss glaciers, according to M. Forel, have undergone during the present century five alternate periods of diminution and growth. The meteorological changes occasioning and emphasized by these oscillations are very slight. Their character, however, is unmistakable and such as might have been anticipated. That is to say, glacial decrease accompanies a warm and dry cycle; glacial increase, one that is damp and cold.

Considerable alarm was accordingly felt lest the flooding of the Sahara, numbered among the futile projects of a recent sanguine epoch, should result in a largely increased snowfall upon the Alps, and the consequent ice submergence of inhabited valleys. Such fears, it is true, rested on a meteorological misapprehension, yet they were in principle well founded.—Edinburgh Review.

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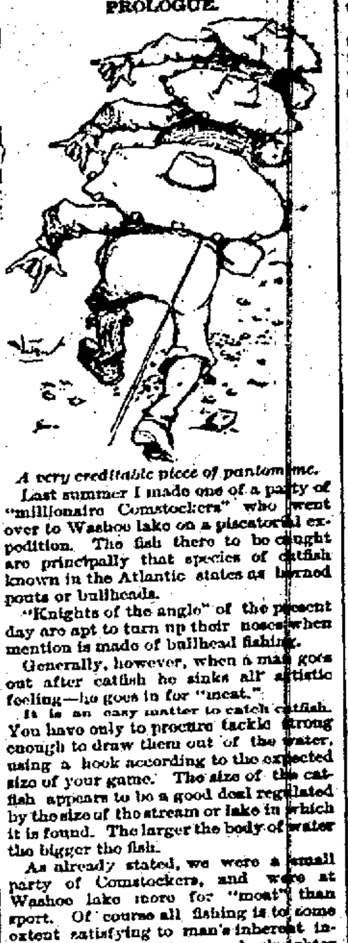

A very creditable piece of pantomime.

Last summer I made one of a party of "millionaire Comstockers" who went over to Washoe lake on a piscatorial expedition. The fish there to be caught are principally that species of catfish known in the Atlantic states as horned pouts or bullheads.

"Knights of the angle" of the present day are apt to turn up their noses when mention is made of bullhead fishing.

Generally, however, when a man goes out after catfish he sinks all artistic feeling—he goes in for "meat."

It is an easy matter to catch catfish. You have only to procure tackle strong enough to draw them out of the water, using a hook according to the expected size of your game. The size of the catfish appears to be a good deal regulated by the size of the stream or lake in which it is found. The larger the body of water the bigger the fish.

As already stated, we were a small party of Comstockers, and were at Washoe lake more for "meat" than sport. Of course all fishing is to some extent satisfying to man's inherent instinct for the capture and slaughter of all wild creatures of land, water and air.

We had strewed the shore with several score of bullheads when we saw approaching us through the tules bordering the lake three men, who by their dress and lack of both coat and vest appeared to be ranch hands employed in the neighborhood. The men seemed to be merely strolling about in the enjoyment of a half holiday, as they carried neither guns nor fishing tackle.

The trio had probably sighted our tent and wagon from afar, and knowing from previous pleasant experiences that all true fishermen fail not to go forth well provided with the wherewithal to counteract the bad effects of an accidental wetting had resolved to pay us a friendly visit, in full confidence that the rights of camp hospitality would not be neglected by our party. At all events, the trio, moving in Indian file, marched up to our temporary camp pitched on the margin of the lake, and greeted us with three stentorian "helloes!"

Their greeting having been duly answered in kind, it was next in order to bear in mind the social amenities and uncork the "hospitalities" of the camp. It soon became evident that no one of the trio had ever been whipped when young for holding his breath. They showed themselves to be willing and capable men.

All were stalwart fellows of six feet to six feet four inches in height, and all were big jointed and rawboned—not an ounce of superfluous flesh from head to heels. All wore beards of the billy-goat style, all were shaded by huge sombreros, and all were somewhat above middle age; also were as much alike as three candles cast in the same mold.

At first our visitors were somewhat backward in speech and manner, but by the time they had made some progress in the congenial task of testing the several kinds of liquid provender with which tent and wagon were stocked their tongues were loosened; they felt quite at home.

Presently the tallest and apparently the oldest of the trio said the sight of catfish made him feel young again. "But, fellers," said he, "I don't much keer to fool with sich ornery, wuthless little tadpoles as you've been ketchin. I'm from ole Missouri, I am. Down thar, when yer ketch a catfish, you're a-layin in pervisions. When you've hooked yer cat you jist take yer line over yer shoulder, hump yer back, march inland and haul your meat ashore. It's jist as easy to ketch big catfish as little ones if thar's any big ones about; it all depends on the size of the hook and the bigness of the bait. Why, back thar on the old Massissippi I could gauge the size of the cat I wanted to an ounce jist by the proper regerlation of the hook and bait. Now, fellers, jist you watch me. Ef thar's a catfish in this lake as is wuth a cuss I'll ketch him."

"Yaas, fellers," said the other Pikes. "Buck, he's a cuss at fishin; you just watch his motion. He'll show yer how to ketch cats."

With a face as sober as that of a New England deacon, Buck went up the hill a few paces above our tent and got hold of about sixty feet of heavy fencing wire. This he dragged down to the edge of the lake, and turning up one end of it made a hook about two feet across. Going down the shore a few rods he returned with about half of an old red flannel shirt, which he fastened upon his hook for bait. Next he got a piece of plank about six feet long and fastened it upon his wire line for a float. This done, he took up the plank and launched hook and all out some two rods from shore with a tremendous plash.

"Never mind me skeerin away yer little minners," said Buck to our party; "you've treated us like full grown white men and now I'll soon ketch you suthin wuth while—that is, s'posin that's airy rale old Massissippi cat in this yere frog pond."

Buck then seated himself upon a little hillock of tules and gazed out at his float with a comically serious look of expectation.

The other Pikes—for all three of our visiting brethren hailed from the land of "Joe Bowers"—gazed approvingly at what had been done, saying over and over: "That's the racket! Buck's got the true old Massissippi business!"

Presently Buck began to show signs of nervousness. His eyes rolled, his face twitched and his arms shook. His two pards crept near him and with their hands upon their knees stood gazing intently at the float. Buck laid a finger on his lips warningly. Then handing his line to one of the men he extended both hands as far as he could reach, showing that he had got a nibble from a fish at least six feet in length. This done he again laid a warning finger on his lips and resumed his line. Not a word was spoken and the faces of all three showed signs of intense excitement.

Soon Buck's eyes again began to expand, the muscles of his face worked and at last his whole body was convulsed. Turning to his companions he held up his hand and waved them back toward the end of the line.

The men understood the signal, and moving back some twenty feet they took up the wire and, placing it over their shoulders, braced themselves and stood awaiting further orders.

Soon Buck gave a wicked twitch at his line, uttered a wild whoop and, springing to his feet, ran to where his pards, bent nearly double, were scratching gravel in a vain endeavor to climb the sloping bank and haul in the line.

On reaching his men Buck gave several bull teamster yells, bestowed a few vigorous kicks on each and then, seeing that no progress was made, he himself fell in and took the line over his shoulder.

After much hauling and whooping the line began to move, but a moment after something gave way and the three Pikes fell flat upon their faces. Soon they arose and stood gazing at one another, their faces the picture of disappointment and mortification. At last Buck's face brightened somewhat, and signing to his men to hold onto the line he went to the edge of the lake to investigate. He hauled in his plank float; then getting into the edge of the water he pulled in the remainder of the line. Holding it aloft he showed the hook straightened out and the bait gone.

The other Pikes went down to the water's edge and each in turn examined what had been on the hook. One of them then made a mark on the beach with his foot, stepped off about six paces and made another mark. All three stood looking at the marks for a time, when the second of Buck's pards marked about two feet farther. With a sneering expression on his face Buck took up two cobblestones, and placing them some twenty-five feet apart turned to his companions, who gazed first at the two stones and then at Buck in the greatest astonishment. Buck gave an affirmative nod, and apparently that settled it; the faces of his companions cleared up at once.

The Pikes came up to where we were seated, when Buck broke the silence by saying: "Gents, I own that I'm astonished. Thare air a catfish in that lake that it would be wuth any man's while to ketch. He's almost like one of the ole Massissippi cats. He's got a wagon load of meat in him."

Altogether it was a very creditable piece of pantomime, and there was no saying that the actors had not earned another treat.

Meantime I sauntered down to where Buck had been seated and saw the piece of flannel shirt that had been on the hook lying just under the water. In hauling in the wire Buck had cunningly planted his foot on it, thus straightening out his hook and stripping off the bait.

CHAPTER I.

THE STORY OF THE FIRST PIKE.

The wild Missourians live by catching catfish.

This bit of impromptu pantomime ended, we expected to see the Pikes take their leave. But no such thing.

All three seated themselves comfortably before our tent, and "borrowing" a little tobacco they filled their pipes. After smoking for a time Buck opened out on a new lay.

"Gents," said he, "you see it don't take me long to size up the cats of any place that I throw my hook into. I wur born on the bayous of the Massissippi, down to the south end of ole Missouri, nigh to the Arkansaw line. I've been a catfish ketchur all my born days.

"Down thar whar I wur born every second son was turned loose in the woods to shift for himself 'bout as soon as he wur weaned. They had so many children down thar that they didn't keer to raise more'n 'bout half of 'em. What was done with the extra gals I never found out. When the extra boy was big enough to run alone they put a new breechclout on him, hung a bunch of hosshar round his neck, tuck him down to the river bottoms and turned him loose to root, hog or die.

"The woods along up the river for fifty miles above the Arkansaw line wur full of wild Missourians of all ages and sizes. After the first breechclout wur worn out all went naked, and soon they wur covered with a coat of har as long as the beard of a goat. If the people ever wanted any of the wild woods breed they sot a trap for 'em, ketched 'em, picked 'em clean of the extra har, put clothes on 'em and sot 'em to work."

"Why," asked I, "did they give each boy a bunch of horsehair when they turned him loose?"

"Waal, because the people down thar are tender hearted like, an not one of 'em would turn a child loose 'thout given him the means of makin a livin. The hosshar were for makin snares. Out'n the hosshar they tuck and made snares to ketch catfish. As soon as a Missourian is weaned he begins to snare catfish, and so pervides most of his livin. He strikes out for the river jist as a young duck makes for the nearest puddle.

"When they are turned loose to run with the woods breed they take up with some drove of the hairy ones that is led by an old buck and so git good trainin. Each drove makes its nest in a big holler sycamore tree or log; then turns to and lives on the fat o' the land. They eat the roots of the yearth, the fruits of the trees, sich as roots, berries, pawpaws, persimmons and the like, while for meat they have the fat cats of the ole Massissippi."

"Do parents often take their children back to the settlements?" asked one of our party.

"Parents don't trouble theirselves 'bout whose children they git. When they want any they go out into the river bottoms, set a trap and ketch 'em. I wur ketched time o' the war. Then they 'bout made a clean sweep of the woods tribes. They wanted all the men they could get, so sot traps all round the bottoms.

"I'll never forgit the time when me and two others wur trapped. We wur out in the woods diggin roots when all at once we smelt a new smell. It wur sich a good smell that all our mouths began to water. We slobbered like so many hounds. What it could be that smelt so fine we did not know. We tuck the scent and follered it up on the keen run. In 'bout a mile we came to a queer lookin [illegible] the stuff that smelt so good [illegible] in and [illegible] good [illegible] day and we wur [illegible].

"Yer see, gents, when they [illegible] ketch up any uv us wild [illegible] they made a pen just like a [illegible] baited it with some [illegible]. When the wind wur right one of the woods breed would smell [illegible] nigh on to three miles.

"Waal, when the [illegible] fell we [illegible] round like mad, but couldn't [illegible]. Long 'bout sundown some [illegible] and tuck us out'n the [illegible]. They [illegible] us and put us inter the upper story of a blockhouse 'bout fifty feet high. Then they left us in the dark.

"Waal, we soon said that of we had a rope we could git away. So then we [illegible] pickin [illegible] long har that covered our [illegible] make a rope. It wur an awful [illegible]. After all of us had been [illegible] we tried the rope and found it 'bout [illegible] feet too short. Then I told the [illegible] that they might take har enough out'n the top of my head to [illegible]. They tuck the har, and in 'bout ten minutes we wur all at liberty.

"Now, gents," said Buck, "as some of you may think I'm lyin 'bout this [illegible], I'll jist show you whar my [illegible] got the har to splice out that rope." Then taking off his [illegible], Buck showed that the whole top of his head was as smooth as a peeled onion.

"Waal," continued Buck, "after we got out'n that thar blockhouse we sot and run for 'bout five hours across a stretch of country we knowed nothin about, for we wur lost when we struck inter fields and fenced ground; besides, we thought all the houses we seed wur blockhouses.

"Bein now naked we had to keep movin to keep warm, so we traveled as fast as we could all that night. When the sun got up we sot on a bluff high above the blessed old Massissippi, that seemed a mother to us. Thar we enjoyed the sun like so many turtles on a log.

"As we sot on the bluff we looked down upon the river and thar on the side next to us we seed a goodish sized catfish laying a-sunnin itself near to shore. The cat wur 'bout twenty-five feet long—too big fur to snare—so we looked about fur some other way of ketchin him.

"A few hundred yard above we saw a big rope stretched across the river. It wur a ferry rope, but then in our wild state we didn't know as it belonged to anybody. We went up thar and took the rope, no one bein 'bout thar. One of us had to swim the river to cast the rope loose from a tree on the opposite side. We'd got'r have the rope because it had on it at one end a big iron hook.

"Next we wanted some kind of good live bait. While lookin 'bout for bait 'long comes a little nigger boy drivin a cow. We ketched him, and [illegible] him on to the hook floated him down, [illegible] like a frog, to whar the big catfish wur. The cat snapped the little nig up like a flash and swallered him down.

"All hands of us tuck the rope over our shoulders, and makin a dash [illegible] hauled the big cat high and dry. We cut the fish open at once and tuck out the little nigger all alive and kickin. When we unlashed and turned him loose he went off as limber as an eel, an the fust thing he did was to hunt up his ole cow and drive her along jist as gentle as if we hadn't had the loan of him and used him for a few minutes. He had 'bout one little tooth mark on his back."

"Was that the biggest catfish you ever caught?" asked one of our party.

Buck eyed the man for a moment, and then asked where he was from.

"From Tennessee, just across the river and a little below where you got your big fish," said our man.

"Waal, as for catfish," said Buck, "you can ketch 'em in the Massissippi of any size you want. It depends altogether on the size of the hook and the bait. With a full grown nigger—but, stranger, it wouldn't look well for me to take up all the time with my own catfishes, so I'll just let you tell of any catfish you ketched on your side of the river."

"So that was not your biggest catfish?"

"I'm not sayin beauty afore age, young man."

It being evident that Buck was determined to have the closing speech, the boss of the commissary department was instructed to bring out the [illegible] for another round. The fishing rods were then stuck into the bank and left to catch or not, as luck went, while all hands stretched out upon the blankets spread in front of the tent to hear.

CHAPTER II.

THE STORY OF THE SECOND PIKE.

This Pike was called Bud. He opened by saying: "Gents, I can't tell you a fish story, for I never heared a durn 'bout fishin. I might tell you some stories of 'gator shootin in Florida, cock fightin in Cuba, rattlesnake and porcupine fights in Mobile and sich like things, for I was allers a dry land sport and better at gittin up dog and [illegible] fights and them kind of games than anything else. I made mighty well for a good while travelin with two fightin peccaries that I picked up in Texas. I had a fightin coon to ketch the colored brother, a fightin armadiller from Honduras and other sich rackets, but my greatest show venture was made down in Orleans.

"Gents all, though I don't look it now, I was onct in a fair way to be a bigger man in the show business than old Barnum. My great exhibition was the edercated turtles. For nigh onto six weeks my show drawed powerful—was all the rage. All over New Orleans was seen in big letters, 'The Edercated Turtles; the Greatest Livin Wonder of the Age.'

"I had my hall crowded every day and every night. Local [illegible] wrote long articles 'bout 'the almost human intelligence of the giant soft shelled turtle.' I was making money hand over fist when an accident happened that busted my business—but of that you'll soon hear.

"My show was a 'beautiful [illegible] and highly instructive,' as it said on my bills. It was my pride to give an exhibition. With a light rattan cane in my hand I'd appear on the stage, take my place near the footlights and relate how I'd led the life of a hermit six years on Florida Keys and at Tortugas, educatin my four turtles, which I'd hatched out in my 'house' from the eggs, and which, as would be seen, had now attained a length of nearly five feet. I had a long speech that a newspaper feller wrote out for me for my bills.

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